Statement by H.E. Mr. Shigeru Omori, Ambassador of Japan to Senegal, at the Global Partnership for Education Financing Conference: An Investment in the Future, Dakar 2018

President Sall of the Republic of Senegal,
President Macron of the Republic of France,
Your Excellencies,
Honorable Ministers and Distinguished Delegates,

I am truly honored to be given this opportunity to speak at the Global Partnership for Education Financing Conference, as the Head of Delegation of the government of Japan.

For many years, Japan has placed emphasis on the global educational cooperation as an essential part for achieving human security. To achieve SDG4, which aims to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning, Japan enhances cooperation responding to the needs of marginalized populations who are deprived of access to quality education due to various factors associated with conflicts, poverty and disabilities.

Japan acknowledges GPE's efforts to improve quality of education, to promote education for girls and to provide assistance to fragile and conflict-affected countries, which contribute to achieving SDGs. Japan has contributed to improving children's learning by scaling up JICA's school based management model, known as School for All projects, to the national level in Senegal and Niger with close collaboration with GPE. In addition, last year, Japan contributed US$ 740,000 to GPE in support of emergency education for the displaced children in Chad. I reiterate that our commitment to GPE will not change. Appreciating GPE's efforts, Japan will contribute to GPE US$ 1,761,000 in 2018. Subject to the approval by the current session of the National Diet, Japan will contribute US$ 920,000 to GPE for further efforts. We would like to expand and deepen our collaboration with GPE through new approaches including direct budget support to partner countries and other means.

In the end of December last year, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Promotion Headquarters which is headed by Prime Minister

Abe and attended by all Ministers, decided to strengthen the empowerment of future generations and women who are the active players of implementing the SDGs as one of Japan's priority areas. Japan will continue to work with GPE to achieve SDG4.