



# CHAIR'S SUMMARY

## The 3rd Tokyo Immigration Forum



Tokyo, 20 - 22 December 2023

1. The 3rd Tokyo Immigration Forum was held in person from 20 to 22 December 2023 in Tokyo, hosted by the Immigration Services Agency and attended by immigration authorities of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam. In addition, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and relevant ministries attended the forum.
2. Minister of Justice Koizumi Ryuji delivered the opening speech, stating that it would be a significant contribution to the international community to share best practices and information on the challenges faced by each immigration authority, and that the participating immigration authorities should work closely and cooperate together in order to respond to various challenges they are facing in establishing appropriate border control measures and building inclusive societies.
3. Mr. Kikuchi Hiroshi, the chairperson of this forum and Commissioner of Immigration Services Agency of Japan then delivered his remarks. The Commissioner stated that it was essential for us to continue the dialogue to deepen understanding and to share common values, and expressed his hope that this forum, which is held every year, would provide an opportunity for continuous dialogue and build next-generation partnerships.

4. Following an opening speech, Ms. Amy E. Pope, Director General of IOM delivered the keynote speech. The Director General explained the current global migration outlook and the need to better understand the trends and to address more deeply the structural drivers of international migration. The Director General then called for cross-border mobility based on effective rights-based identity management systems that are inclusive and can operate effectively, and the Director General also urged the participants to strengthen regular labor migration pathways with adequate protections for migrants. Finally, the Director General reiterated IOM's commitment to work with member states and stakeholders.
5. In the plenary session, under the agenda item of "Protection of Human Rights of Foreign Nationals in the Immigration Administration", the panelists and participants discussed issues the participating immigration authorities are facing and their responses while being required to balance "strict and appropriate immigration control and residency management" and "respect for fundamental human rights of foreign nationals."
6. On the second day, the four Breakout Sessions were held, where the participants shared challenges and exchanged opinions on the following four agenda items: "Recently-Introduced Immigration Measures", "Public Relations Activities in the Immigration Administration", "Protection of Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons" and "Preventive Measures against Illegal Entrants including Irregular Migrants."
7. Before the Breakout Sessions in the afternoon, Ms. Elizabeth Tan, the Director of the Division of International Protection of UNHCR delivered the speech of her perspectives on the current global situation for refugees, forcibly displaced and

stateless persons, some of the challenges posed by regional and cross-regional movement of displaced populations, and how UNHCR sees opportunities for strengthening protection and solutions through closer cooperation among relevant stakeholders, including States and the IOM, and a comprehensive set of measures in different countries managing such movements. In addition, Mr. Ayaki Ito, the UNHCR Representative for Japan, briefed the participants about the Global Compact on Refugees and made remarks on the key discussions and takeaways from the 2nd Global Refugee Forum that took place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13 to 15 December 2023.

8. The participants expressed their support for the significance of the forum and its purpose, as stated by Minister of Justice Koizumi, and for the role that it plays as an international platform between immigration authorities. The participants acknowledged the need to share challenges and exchange views between immigration authorities continuously on the themes discussed during the forum and other immigration-related matters.
9. The Chair thanked all the participants for their support and contributions to the forum, expressed his hope that the forum would continue to be held on a regular basis, and announced that the next forum will be held in Tokyo in 2024.