



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The 4th Tokyo Immigration Forum



Tokyo, 9 - 11 December 2024

1. The 4th Tokyo Immigration Forum was held in person from 9 to 11 December 2024 in Tokyo, hosted by the Immigration Services Agency and attended by immigration authorities of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, 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 SUZUKI Keisuke stated 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. MARUYAMA Hideharu, the chairperson of this forum and Commissioner of the Immigration Services Agency of Japan then delivered his remarks. The Commissioner stated that as the international situation becoming increasingly tense, it is essential for us in order to continue the dialogue to deepen understanding and to share common values, and expressed his hope that this Forum, which is held every year, will 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 provided an overview of the current global migration outlook and discussed the role of migration in addressing demographic challenges and contributing to inclusive societies. The Director General also mentioned the importance of adapting policies to utilize migrant contributions and promoting cooperation among states to ensure regular and safe migration pathways. Furthermore, the Director General regarded the forum as an essential platform for fostering mutual understanding on migration governance in Asia Pacific.
5. In the plenary session on the first day, under the agenda item of “Recently-Introduced Immigration Measures, the participants presented issues the participating immigration authorities are facing and their responses.
6. On the second day, the plenary session included a question and answer session and discussion on the previous day's presentation, moderated by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Breakout Sessions, where participants shared challenges and exchanged opinions on the following two agenda items: “Refugee Protection in the Asia and Pacific Region” moderated by UNHCR and “Enhancing Regular Labor Migration Pathways in the Asia and Pacific Region” moderated by IOM.
7. Before the Breakout Sessions in the afternoon, Ms. Ruven Menikdiwela, UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection (AHC-P) shared perspectives on current trends on forced displacement worldwide and related challenges and opportunities. She also mentioned some global and regional proposals to

effectively address these challenges, including through innovative Route-Based Approaches.

8. The participants expressed their support for the significance of the forum and its purpose, as stated by Minister of Justice SUZUKI, 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 2025.