

**Opening Remarks by HIRAGUCHI Hiroshi,
the Minister of Justice of Japan,
for the 5th Tokyo Immigration Forum**

Your Excellency, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I am HIRAGUCHI Hiroshi, the Minister of Justice of Japan.

I would like to wholeheartedly welcome all of you, representatives of immigration authorities from various countries, FRONTEX, IOM and UNHCR, to the 5th Tokyo Immigration Forum.

Immigration authorities are required to strengthen their systems to balance necessary protection with strict management in order to address the increasingly complex and sophisticated challenges accompanying globalized human mobility, in addition to appropriate border control.

With shared awareness of the issues, this forum aims to deepen exchanges among immigration authorities of various countries and international organizations, strengthen collaboration and cooperation, and share information on best

practices and challenges faced.

I hope that cooperation among nations will deepen further through discussions at this forum, leading to progress in the international community's overall efforts.

Please feel free to actively share your ideas and insights. Let me conclude my opening remarks by expressing my sincere wish that the 5th Tokyo Immigration Forum will serve as a step toward resolving immigration challenges in each country.