

June Momentum Opening Session
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- We are now facing two crises; climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. Enhancement of international cooperation is indispensable to overcome these crises.
- This June Momentum is part of such cooperation, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude, to Executive Secretary Espinosa, SB Chairs, and the COP Presidencies, for your initiative in organizing this event.
- I am also grateful to the German government for holding the constructive Petersberg Climate Dialogue in late April.
- We should first reaffirm that economic recovery must not leave climate action behind. A virtuous cycle of / environmental protection and economic growth will be a core part of the recovery strategy.
- I would also like to stress that, as lessons learnt from COP25, inclusiveness is key in achieving a decarbonized and resilient society on a global scale.
- In this regard, I would like to announce that we will launch an online platform, inspired by the COP model. This virtual platform will allow all participating countries to share their experiences and views on climate actions as well as environmental protection in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We are planning to have a ministerial online meeting open to the public in early September, and to establish a web-based platform to share information provided by participating countries.
- I would like to invite all countries to join this online meeting and to provide input to the platform. We will send you invitation letters as soon as possible.
- Following this June Momentum, our hope is to maintain international momentum on enhanced climate actions to pave the way for the success of COP26. Please join this September Platform to overcome both the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Arigato.