



# Summary of the International Forum on Regional Development SDGs 2022

**Government-led efforts to implement SDGs for regional development have made steady progress, and the percentage of municipalities that have adopted the SDGs has exceeded 50%. We have entered an era in which we need to shift from dissemination and promotion to further deepening our efforts.**





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**There are more than 120 "SDGs FutureCities" that demonstrate best practices, and more than 1,000 local government members and more than 5,000 corporate members participating in the "Public-Private Partnership Platform." The "Public-Private Partnership Platform" has grown into a nationwide network connecting regional governments and industries. A system is also in operation to recognize and register local companies and financial institutions that are actively working on the SDGs, to make these organizations visible.**





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**As we enter the “post-COVID” period, new activities have begun represented by such keywords as “green” and “digital,” in order to further build a sustainable society. As for globally agreed upon decarbonization, municipalities are also expected to make efforts towards this decarbonization, and progress is being made in SDGs efforts, from which synergistic effects can be expected from initiatives for the three aspects of “economy,” “society,” and “environment.”**





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**The use of digital technology is essential for the preservation and revitalization of community functions for Japanese municipalities, which are concerned about the deterioration of their communities due to population decline. The SDG framework is being utilized as a tool for social change that can transition municipalities to a digital world.**





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**These wide-ranging SDGs initiatives, which contribute to regional development, are unprecedented in the world. Disseminating and sharing with the world the excellent initiatives and experiences achieved by Japanese municipalities will contribute to the progress of municipal SDGs on a global level.**

