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The statistical system of Japan has changed greatly by the new Statistical Act (Act No.53 of 2007). The main points of the new statistical system are as follows.

- 1) Establishment of a basic plan on the development of official statistics in order to promote measures comprehensively and systematically concerning the development of official statistics
- 2) Promotion of effective utilization of statistical data through production of statistics in response to the request from the citizens and provision of anonymous data
- 3) Establishment of the Statistics Commission to deal with matters based on the provisions of the Act such as establishment of the basic plan concerning the development of official statistics

The basic plan on the development of official statistics is a road map in order to implement the development of statistics and the promotion of efficient utilization of statistical data in Japan. A draft basic plan, which is based on the deliberations of the Statistics Commission, was released in October. The Government is to adopt the basic plan as a Cabinet decision by March of next year. The new Statistics Act is to be wholly enforced on April 1.

In this paper we describe an outline of the reform of the statistical system and challenges to be addressed in Japan.