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In Japan, the Digital Agency is working to maintain interoperability between statistical data and various other data by providing a technical framework called the Government Interoperability Framework (GIF), which actively references statistical data structures and data codes in order to realize smoother data utilization and linkage in society.

Also, National Statistical Offices are providing forums for government, the private sector, and academia to address issues related to the utilization of emerging data sources, as well as to facilitate data interoperability among national and local governments along with private companies. Issues raised at these forums include how to develop data exchange environments that allow private companies to provide their data with trust, as well as how to handle personal information.

As a global-level approach, the UN Working Group on Data Stewardship is collecting existing practices among national statistical systems in each country to develop guidance for national statistical offices.

We think that actively participating in discussions within the Working Group on Data Stewardship, while also sharing experiences in the region, would be an effective way to improve guidance on this topic at a global level.

Therefore, it is appropriate that active participation from Asia-Pacific countries in the Working Group is encouraged in the document, given that there are fewer members from the Asia-Pacific region than there are from the UNECE region.

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