

Initiative on Future Management of Government Procurement

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Meeting of Related Ministries and Agencies
Concerning Voluntary Measures on Government Procurement

The Meeting of Related Ministries and Agencies Concerning Voluntary Measures on Government Procurement has compiled as detailed below initiatives on future management of government procurement, based on the follow-up study on the implementation of voluntary measures on government procurement and the hearing of requests and opinions from suppliers.

1. It must be notified that open tendering runs in principle. Otherwise when single tendering is applied exceptionally, efforts will be made to apply the conditions in Article XV of the Agreement on Government Procurement done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994, more strictly to each contract.
2. With regard to the application of the Overall Greatest Value (OGV) Evaluation Method, further efforts will be made to inform of the standard guides in each procurement field, including the OGV Evaluation Method, introduced in July 2013, in the procurement field of information systems that places importance on technological capabilities (price merits : technology merits = 1:3), as a way to secure the transparency of procedures, and efforts will be made to engage in appropriate operation in accordance with the standard guides. In addition, efforts will be made to allow the paperwork to be carried out more efficiently, for both the procuring side as well as the suppliers, by, for example, keeping the number of materials requester for OGV Evaluation to a minimum and only to those needed to evaluate factors such as performance.
3. With regard to prescribing technical specifications of procurement for telecommunications products and services and for medical technology products and services, efforts will be made to steadily implement the following regulation of voluntary measures;
 - (i) Place greater emphasis on performance rather than design.
 - (ii) Base the specifications on international standards, where such exist.
 - (iii) Not require features not essential to the performance criteria.
 - (iv) Formulate specifications in an impartial manner.
 - (v) Set out the details of the requirements necessary for ensuring “a complete description” with as much care as possible.
4. With regard to the procurement of information systems, efforts will be made to engage in appropriate operation in accordance with the Standard Guidelines for Promoting Digital Government (CIOs council decision of 3 December 2014, Revision of 25 February 2019).