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**Outline**

1. Importance of communication facilities of SAIs for ensuring transparency and accountability in public financial management
2. Measures taken by the Board of Audit of Japan (BOA) for strengthening communication facilities - focusing on the measures for strengthening the relationship with the media -
3. Challenges in strengthening BOA's communication facilities for the future.

**Abstract**

In order to ensure transparency and accountability in public financial management, it is important for the State to have a Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) which functions well. The SAI audits the public finance and submits audit reports to the legislature, where it

takes place deliberation on public financial management based on the audit reports. Besides, the audit reports are made widely known to the general public through the mass media, etc., and ultimately help raise the public awareness toward the public financial management. Therefore, it is important to strengthen SAI's communication facilities regarding the audit reports in order to ensure transparency and accountability in public financial management.

The Board of Audit of Japan (BOA) has taken such measures for strengthening communication facilities as utilization of special reports and audits requested by the Diet (the legislature), establishment of a liaison / public relations office, setting up BOA's own website and its improvement, and collection of information from the general public. With this regard, the BOA has attached importance to the measures particularly for strengthening the relationship with the media, since it helps the BOA's communication with the general public.

There is yet room for improvement in the communication facilities of the BOA for the future.