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Upon Celebrating Constitution Memorial Day

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Today marks the 76th anniversary of the coming into effect of the Constitution of Japan.

During this course, we, at courts, have built up efforts to properly exercise the judicial power entrusted to us by citizens, in order to fulfill our mission to realize the unshakable rule of law, under the Constitution of Japan. In the recent rapidly changing situations, we have freshly bore in mind how important it is to share the significance and value of the principle of the rule of law.

The judiciary supports the rule of law by resolving disputes through fair and transparent procedures based on law. With an aim to meet the expectations and ensure the trust of citizens, courts must continue to exert efforts for further enhancing their function to solve disputes. To this end, I believe it is important for courts to turn the digitalization of litigation proceedings, which they are intensively working on at present, into a momentum for solving such issues as prolongation of proceedings, while improving citizens' access to justice as well as making the overall litigation proceedings more rational and efficient and enhancing the courts' ability to respond to complex and difficult cases.

On this Constitution Memorial Day, I would like to freshly take to heart the importance of the principle of the rule of law embodied by the Constitution of Japan and the gravity of courts' responsibilities, and exert my best efforts to achieve a judiciary trusted by citizens.