

The General Status of Universalization

- In the margins of this year's Asian Senior-level Talks on Non-Proliferation (ASTOP) the Deputy Director-General of the Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Science Department approached a number of non-states parties participating in this meeting (China, Laos, Myanmar, Singapore, the Republic of Korea and Vietnam) to enquire about their position on accession to the Mine Ban Convention and encouraged them to join. Japan also seized the opportunity in bilateral disarmament and non-proliferation consultations with some countries to promote accession to the Convention by these countries.