

▶ TICAD Ministerial Meeting

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KH▶ Association of African Economy & Development ▶ 2024/09/03

47 out of 54 African countries participated in the TICAD Ministerial Meeting, which was held at the Hotel New Otani in Tokyo on August 24 (Sat.) and 25 (Sun.), 2024.

The president of AFRECO attended the ministerial meeting and exchanged views with dignitaries from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Seychelles, Angola, and other countries at a reception hosted by H.E. Minister Kamikawa. He also held individual meetings with representatives of 8 countries.

The 2024 TICAD Ministerial Meeting and TICAD 9 Partner Program “Japan’s Role in Transforming Education System in Africa” (co-hosted by GPE) were also held during the same period.

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Participated countries

Japan, while listening to the voice of the AU, the co-sponsor, did not invite Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Gabon, Guinea, and Sudan, countries that have had coups d'état, etc., and Sao Tome and Principe whose status with the AU has been suspended.

The Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (not recognized by the UN and Japan), the so-called Western Sahara, was not invited but participated.

Official meetings

There were 3 sessions.

Session 1 Society: Realizing a Sustainable Future

Session 2 Peace and stability: Ensuring Human Dignity and Human Security

Session 3 Economy: Promoting Trade and Investment

Two points worth mentioning: 1) A working lunch was held on the theme of Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) with participating women ministers, which led to the launch of the Initiative for Human Resource Development for Women Peace in the Horn of Africa, based on the InterGovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). We commend the emergence of concrete projects like this in the recent TICAD, which ended up with only general discussions, and look forward to TICAD 9. 2) In Session 3, a panel

discussion was held for the first time, involving both the public and private sectors, followed by networking. There seems to be a strong appeal for investment in Africa at the ministers' bilateral meeting. Still, from the private sector's perspective, there is also needs for MoFA to create an environment that makes the private sector invest in Africa by providing more detailed information on the dangers that the ministry posts on its URL.

Also, after the ministerial meeting, a joint communiqué was released, not the chairpersons' summary that had been issued in the past.

AFRECO Bi-Meetings

Mozambique

Aug. 23, 12:00 noon-

H.E. Mr. Manuel José Gonçalves, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and others



- Energy projects including hydropower
- Academic approach on Yasuke
- African Forum

Zambia

Aug.24, 10:00—

Hon. Dr. Situmbeko MUSOKOTWANE, Minister of Finance and National Planning, and others



- Digitalization of Healthcare system
- Candidate of next AfDB President
- Financial situation

South Africa

Aug. 24, 12:00 noon—

Hon. Mr. Ronald LAMOLA, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, and others



- Importation of agricultural products from SA
- Role of the chair country of G20 in 2025

The Gambia

Aug. 24, 17:00—

Mr. Bittaye, Permanent Secretary, and others



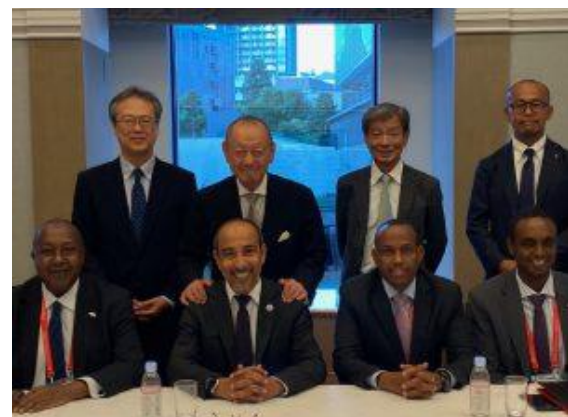
- Swage project in Banjul
- Electricity project
- Establishment of the Embassy in Tokyo

Djibouti

Aug. 25, 16:00—

Mr. Mohamed Ali Hassan, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and others

Attending as Japan-Djibouti Friendship Association



- Introduction of the association
- Visiting plan before the end of the year

Liberia

Aug. 25, 17:00—

H.E. Mme. Sara Beysolow NYANTI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and others



- Japan village project at Marshall
- Candidate of Honorary Consulate in Osaka

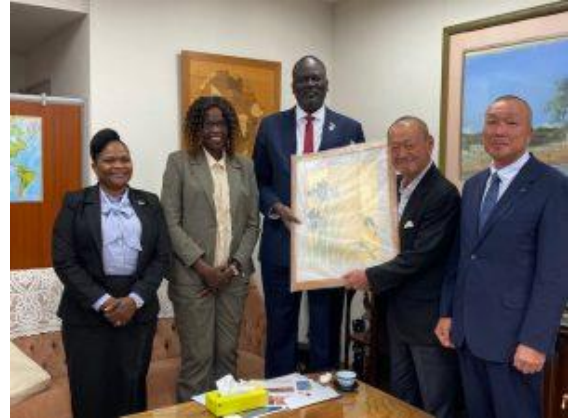
→Minister and Yano signed the MOU on the cooperation of Japan village project.



South Sudan

Aug. 26, 11:00—

H.E. Mr. Ramadan Mohammed Abdallah GOC, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and others

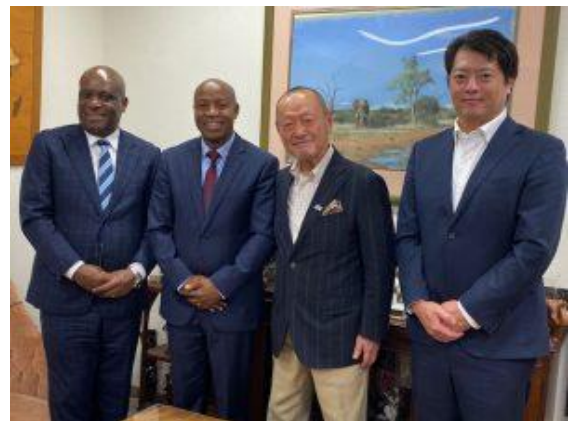


- Creating maps

Tanzania

Aug. 27, 11:00—

Hon. Mr. Cosato David CHUMI, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation



- Providing medical equipment to UDOM
- Biomedical engineering program at UDOM
- Agriculture project at UDOM

2024 TICAD Ministerial Meeting and TICAD 9 Partner Program

Japan's Role in Transforming Education System in Africa

Aug. 27, 13:00—

Co-hosted with GPE (Global Partnership for Education) at

Since 2024 is the African Union Year of Education, GPE and AFRECO shared the current status of educational cooperation between Japan and Africa with African ambassadors in Tokyo. The meeting also gathered the opinions of African countries on what kind of support they would like from the Japanese government in international educational cooperation in preparation for TICAD 9, which will be held next year.

A total of 44 people gathered at the meeting, including 28 embassies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, JICA, and four media companies.

Program

1. Opening Remarks (Tetsuro YANO – President, AFRECO)
2. What can Japan do to support African countries to transform its education system (H.E. Mr. Toshihiko HORIUCHI – Assistant Minister/ Director-General of African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
3. Leveraging education financing for Africa (Charles NORTH – Deputy CEO, GPE)
4. Comment (Hon. Ichiro AISAWA – a member of the House of Representatives)
5. Introducing Madagascar's case in preparing Partnership Compact and the application for GPE multipliers (Ms. Patricia ROBSON –

Secretary-General of the Ministry of National Education Madagascar)

6. AU Year of Education and expectations toward Japan (H.E. Mr. Sidya EL HADJ – Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania)
7. Comment from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Mr. Koji KITAYAMA – Deputy Assistant Minister/Director, International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
8. Comment from JICA (Ms. Sachiko IMOTO – Senior Vice President, JICA)
9. Q&A and Discussion
10. Closing Remarks (H.E. Mr. Estifanos Afeworki Haile – Ambassador of the State of Eritrea)



Content

Despite Japan's significant contribution to Africa's school infrastructure, the basic education enrollment situation in Africa is still critical: more than 100 million children, adolescents, and young people are out of school, and only one in five children achieve a minimum level of reading proficiency at the end of primary education. While more efforts are needed from African countries, each country is aware of the challenges. The

result is ongoing policies and programs such as Agenda 2063 and the Continental Education Strategy for Africa. The problem is funding; in this regard, funding from Japan seems to have stalled. Since the level of education determines development and progress, it is essential to reform the education system, and we hope for more and more support from Japan to Africa.

After this roundtable, some participants asked us to provide the speech manuscripts, and others also stressed the importance of further discussions regarding TICAD 9.



About GPE

GPE is an international fund established in 2002 under the leadership of the World Bank to focus on education issues and is currently chaired by former Tanzanian President Kikwete. It operates based on partnerships among many organizations, including developing countries, donor countries, private companies, foundations, multilateral financial institutions, UN agencies and NGOs, with the goal of providing equitable, quality education for all. It raises funds for education from around the world and assists developing countries to solve the educational challenges they face by transforming their education systems.

The GPE addresses the following three points:

1. Focused, long-term development assistance and rapid emergency support

2. Building education systems through partnerships with developing country governments

3. Adequate educational support based on partnerships.

GPE's funding methods are not just effective, they're innovative. Take multipliers, for instance. When JICA provides \$3, GPE adds \$1 from a fund contributed by the donor country (1:1 for the private sector). This innovative approach allows JICA to scale up its assistance projects in partner countries.

Another financing method for countries struggling with debt problems is Debt2Ed, in which debt repayments to partner countries are converted into educational investments using multiplier funds. In other words, if African country A agrees to exchange debt with a partner country through Debt2Ed, additional funds are partially provided to country A from GPE multiplier funds, which are then used by country A to make debt repayments. After the repayment is completed, the partner country will provide an amount equal to the original debt as a grant aid for education in Country A. It's a simple truth: without funds, there can be no education. Education is necessary for development and progress. The GPE is a vital player in this equation, providing the required financial support to break this negative loop.

Towards TICAD9

AFRECO hopes to present the results of its activities in health and medical care, which have been ongoing since TICAD 6, to some extent at TICAD 9. We will also continue to organize round tables and other events to enhance basic education in African countries and encourage the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make basic education a theme of TICAD, just as it is for health care.

We want to take this opportunity to solidify more and more AFRECO members' cases, so please share the status of your cases with us as soon as possible. We will do our best to assist you.

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