TICAD9

AFRECO's Initiatives

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Foreword

TICAD9 was held in Yokohama from August 20 to 22, 2025, under the theme "Co-create innovative solutions with Africa."

Looking back over TICAD's history spanning more than 30 years, Japan has consistently worked as a partner with African nations on development, always on equal footing. During this time, the needs expressed by African countries have changed significantly, and I often sense that the era of aid has passed, and we have entered an era of investment. Business exchanges flourished at this TICAD as well, with over 300 MOUs reportedly signed. Nevertheless, to support these businesses and guide them toward sustainable success, foundational infrastructure, basic education, and fundamental healthcare services accessible to all Africans remain insufficient. The Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO) held two seminars at TICAD9 on healthcare and basic education; both were nearly full, indicating high interest. Business alone may not yet make Japan a good partner for Africa.

I am grateful that member companies and individuals from diverse fields support AFRECO's operations, which include construction, academia, healthcare, consulting, finance, power industry, and more - truly a wide range. At this TICAD, where the business focus grew even stronger, I reaffirmed that AFRECO has two key roles to help our members succeed in Africa.

First, I need to strengthen connections between member companies and individuals across sectors. Entering Africa solely within one's own field presents significant hurdles. It holds for many developing nations advancing their development now, as they must simultaneously address various challenges—such as sustainability, improving the natural environment, and reducing disparities—beyond just pursuing development. AFRECO may be called upon to connect members more effectively and initiate "co-creation" than ever.

The other is the need for activities that encourage support for the provision of basic infrastructure, basic education, and fundamental healthcare services across all of Africa. AFRECO members need to be able to dedicate themselves to their business in Africa fully. To do so, support from the member companies is necessary, but advocacy and lobbying efforts directed at governments are also indispensable.

Focusing on supporting business development and promoting improvements in social life in Africa, I will strive with all my strength until the commemorative 10th TICAD.

YANO Tetsuro, President

Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO)

TICAD9 Thematic Events Seminars

【Co-Creating the Future of Healthcare and the Economy: Japan-Africa Public-Private Partnerships at the Forefront】

10:00-14:10 August 20, 2025 Exhibition Hall D S-03
Organized by Cabinet Office and Cabinet Secretariat
5-minute presentation by FUKUNAGA Tetsuya, AFRECO Counselor



As an example of public-private collaboration addressing health challenges in Africa, FUKUNAGA Tetsuya, Counselor, explained the project "Improving Medical and Healthcare Services with Mobile Technology ~ To Strengthen the Infrastructure for Medical Information." This project, scheduled to commence in Kenya this September with funding from the African Development Bank's (AfDB's) Policy and Human Resource Development Grant, will be implemented by AFRECO.

First, Ms. Hendorina Doroba, Manager of the Education and Skills Development Division at the AfDB, provided an overview of the AfDB Group and its perspective on Africa's healthcare systems. Subsequently, Fukunaga announced that this project will be developed in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine at Jomo Kenyatta

University of Agriculture and Technology, alongside member companies G-Cube Co., Ltd. and Qunie Corp. The project aims to achieve four objectives, identifying challenges and issues along the way, ultimately leading to policy and institutional recommendations. (See attached reference material)

Dr. Peter L. Ogwal Ogwang, the AfDB's project manager for this initiative, also participated in this seminar. On August 23, we reaffirmed the project's future direction.



[Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Regional Command and Control Centre (CCC) for addressing Human-Nature Conflict in Africa]

15:20-16:50 August 20, 2025 Exhibition Hall D S-03
Organized by Lusaka Agreement Task Force, Co-Organized by Remote Sensing Technology
Center of Japan (RESTEC)
Remark by YANO Tetsuro, AFRECO President



A project centered on CCC in Kenya, utilizing DPI to collaborate across borders on climate change, natural disasters, coexistence with wildlife, and combating poaching. The Kenyan government has now formally requested the establishment of the CCC from the Japanese government. RESTEC, AFRECO's member, has long supported this process. With concrete progress finally in sight, YANO Tetsuro, AFRECO President, introduced H.E. Ms. Rebecca Miano, Minister of Tourism and Wildlife of Kenya, to celebrate this milestone. H.E. Ms. Miano also delivered the keynote address on behalf of H.E. the President of Kenya.

[Healthcare project in Tunisia benefiting all of Africa, launched at TICAD8 – in collaboration with TOKUSHUKAI and JICA]

12:40-14:10 August 21, 2025 Exhibition Hall D S-10 Organized by AFRECO, Co-organized by TOKUSHUKAI Group

Program

Opening remarks (YANO Tetsuro, AFRECO President)

TOKUSHUKAI Medical Group: History and our philosophy for international support projects (Dr. HIGASHIUE Shinichi, Chairman of TOKUSHUKAI)

The project started at TICAD8 (HASEGAWA Kyoko, AFRECO Secretary-General)

Toray Medical Co., Ltd. (Mr. YAMAZAKI Atsushi, Sales Manager)

Cardiology for Africa - Triangular Training (Mr. HARA Shohei, JICA Sr Vice President)

Reflections on the 1st session of Triangular Training (Dr. SAITO Shigeru, Director, Division of Cardiology & Catheterization Laboratories, Shonan Kamakura General Hospital)

About the activities in other African Countries and the Introduction of Member Companies' Initiatives (Hasegawa Kyoko, AFRECO Secretary-General)

SOIK Corp (Ms. UKAI Tomoko, Business Development Manager)

Warrantee Pte. Ltd. (Mr. SHONO Yusuke, CEO)

G Cube Co., Ltd. (Mr. NISHIMURA Kenji, President)

Closing remarks (SATO Masaaki, AFRECO Vice President)

This seminar was nearly at full capacity, graced by H.E. Mr. KUROIWA Yuj, the Mayor, and Mr. SHUTO Kenji, the Vice Mayor of Kanagawa Prefecture. The main themes were the following three points: 1) Introduction to the activities of the TOKUSHUKAI Group; 2) Introduction to AFRECO's activities; and 3) Report on the Triangular Training program in Tunisia, realized through cooperation between JICA, TOKUSHUKAI, and AFRECO.



1) TOKUSHUKAI Group Activities

The TOKUSHUKAI Group practices the philosophy of its late founder, Torao Tokuda, who believed that "all living beings are created equal," in the medical field. Its mission is to build a society where anyone can receive the best medical care at any time, anywhere.

It provides medical support not only within Japan but also in 42 countries worldwide. In Africa, it has donated 171 dialysis machines to 17 countries and guided the operation of

dialysis centers, primarily under the leadership of Dr. Shuzo Kobayashi, Director of Shonan Kamakura General Hospital. Training itself involves either inviting medical staff (doctors, nurses, medical engineers) or having TOKUSHUKAI Group doctors and others travel to Africa.

As an extension of this, since 2018, it has been developing a kidney transplant project with the University of Dodoma and Benjamin Mkapa General Hospital in Tanzania. With the cooperation of Tokyo Women's Medical University Hospital, kidney transplants performed by African medical

staff have been successful. The project is currently underway to establish a transplant center at Benjamin Mkapa General Hospital. Other initiatives include support for the Kinshasa Police Hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Queen Mamohato Memorial Hospital in the Kingdom of Lesotho, among countless others.

Furthermore, this year, Shonan Kamakura General Hospital was selected as one of Japan's best hospitals by Newsweek magazine in the United States.



2) AFRECO Activities

Following TICAD V, AfDB began receiving various inquiries regarding African healthcare from African ambassadors in Tokyo and medical professionals active in Africa. Consequently, during TICAD VI, it hosted a side seminar titled "Communication Paradigm of the Japanese Doctors/Researchers Working in the Sub-Saharan African Nations." Subsequently, study sessions based on this seminar continued until TICAD VII. In 2017, AFRECO advised the Cabinet Secretariat to establish an "Africa Health and Wellbeing Initiative (AfHWIN)," leading to the announcement of the "Basic Policy for AfHWIN" in 2019.

Concurrently, AFRECO signed an MOU with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Dodoma in Tanzania and is advancing the introduction of medical equipment in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, with the cooperation of the member company, Clinical Engineering Global Promotion Foundation, a Bio-medical Engineering Course will commence at the University of Dodoma this fall. In Kenya, an MOU was signed with the Faculty of Medicine at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. With support from the African Development Bank, plans are underway to enhance medical and health services in Kenya using mobile technology, in collaboration with member companies, G Cube and Qunie.

Furthermore, SOIK is supporting and collaborating with member companies such as SOIK and Warrantee to invigorate activities in the medical field.

3) Triangular Training in Tunisia by JICA, collaborated with TOKUSHUKAI and AFRECO





Rheumatic heart disease remains widespread in Africa, with many young patients, particularly women of childbearing age, suffering from heart failure. 60% of these patients have mitral valve stenosis, for which percutaneous transvenous mitral commissurotomy (PTMC) is considered the optimal solution (treatment). This method is minimally invasive, making it suitable for pregnant women, and patients can walk out of the hospital the next day. The catheter used for this PTMC is the Inoue Balloon, developed in Japan, manufactured by Toray Industries, Inc., and sold and exported by Toray Medical.

AFRECO, together with Toray Medical, aims to spread the Inoue Balloon and its technology throughout Africa. At TICAD8, with Tunisia as the hub and support from JICA, 14 doctors from 12 countries were invited and attended the workshop on Inoue Balloon. The positive response encouraged both the Tunisian and Japanese governments to continue supporting this initiative. Consequently, from fiscal year 2025 to 2027, JICA will host an annual triangular

training program titled "Cardiology for Africa" in Tunisia. The goal extends beyond the Inoue Balloon; it aims to transfer essential Japanese knowledge and technology in cardiology and cardiovascular medicine to African nations in the future.

The first session of the triangular training program was held in July 2025, with 13 physicians from 7 countries in attendance. It was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Shigeru Saito at TOKUSHUKAI Group Shonan Kamakura General Hospital. Following the first session, Dr. Saito noted that while acknowledging the effectiveness of PTMC, the challenge lies in training physicians capable of performing catheter procedures, especially as atherosclerotic heart diseases, such as angina and myocardial infarction, are projected to increase dramatically in Africa. Continuously developing each triangular training program, combining lectures with practical skills training, will be key to Japan's future medical support for Africa.

*A short movie on the triangular training 2025 is available here (presented by JICA):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bd9 H-b3rv8

【Feeding Futures Together: Japan's Role in Advancing School Meals through Global Partnerships 】

10:00-11:30 August 22, 2025 Exhibition Hall D S-06 Organized by Global Partnership for Education (GPE), Co-organized by AFRECO

Program

MC: Tatsuya Kusakabe, Professor, Hiroshima University

Opening Remarks (Tetsuro Yano, AFRECO President)

Greetings (H.E.Ms. Toshiko Abe,

Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT))

Greetings (Junzo Yamamoto, LDP member of the House of Councilors)

Special Presentation (H.E. Ms. Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya)

Keynote Speech: Global Perspective on School Nutrition

(Charles North GPE Deputy CEO)

Fire-side Chat – Voices from Africa

Manos Antoninis, Director, GEM Report UNESCO

H.E. Dr. Jarso Maley Jallah, Minister of Education, Liberia

H.E. Dr. Haruna Iddrisu, Minister of Education, Ghana (video message)

Lightning Presentation

Rumi Saito, Sr Specialist for School Lunches, Health Education and Food Education Division, Elementary and Secondary Education Bureau, MEXT

Hiromichi Morishita, Director-General, Dept. of Human Development, JICA

Mitsuru Izumo, CEO, Euglena Co., Ltd.

Masashi Honda, The Ajinomoto Foundation

Aligning Financing and Expertise for Scale & Quality

Nobuharu Imanishi, Deputy Director-General for Global Issues, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Q&A



The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is an international cooperation agency for basic education established under the World Bank. It is a fund that raises money to help developing countries strengthen basic education and provides mechanisms to assist in building education systems. At AFRECO, at the request of H.E. former Tanzanian President Kikwete, Chair of the GPE Board, we have been supporting GPE's activities in Japan since early summer 2024.

At TICAD9, we heard from various stakeholders focusing on school meals.



Hunger and poor health in Africa continue to be barriers to learning for millions of children. School meals can help overcome these barriers, improving learning outcomes, increasing school attendance rates, and ultimately contributing to a reduction in inequality. Japan's school meal system, which has been in place for over 100 years, offers valuable lessons. It has been referenced and implemented in many developing countries, such as Ghana and Madagascar, through MEXT and JICA. By collaborating with multilateral platforms like GPE, Japan's individual initiatives can significantly amplify their impact.

The First Lady of Kenya shared footage of her own activities, highlighting efforts that extend beyond providing school meals. These include growing vegetables for the meals at the schools themselves and supporting children in cultivating vegetables at home. She emphasized that such activities are not charity but investments in the future. Liberia's Minister of Education pointed out that whether or not school meals are provided affects children's enrollment rates. She also introduced local initiatives to source food locally, which empower women and keep children healthy and diligent. She spoke powerfully about how small efforts create significant change, echoing the Japanese proverb "Even dust, when piled up, can become a mountain."

GPE plans a replenishment meeting next year. At the previous replenishment meeting five years ago, the Japanese government pledged the lowest amount among the G7 nations, a relatively modest commitment. Japan, facing severe population decline, will inevitably need the support of African people. To avoid regret, then, we must invest in the education of African children now. It is not charity, but an investment in the future.

TICAD9 Thematic Events Exhibition

(AFRECO)

August 20-22, 2025 Exhibition Hall D B-42

Organized by AFRECO, Co-organized by TOKUSHUKAI Group, G Cube, SOIK, Warrantee

In African countries, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) pose a major challenge alongside infectious diseases, just as they do in Japan. Maintaining awareness of one's physical condition, eating a proper diet, and engaging in moderate exercise can help prevent NCDs. It is also crucial to establish systems that provide high-quality medical services at affordable prices. With this perspective, AFRECO introduced four member companies whose technologies, knowledge, and methodologies could offer insights to support Africa's healthcare. The four companies are TOKUSHUKAI Group, which is not only active in hospital management but also in support activities across Africa; G-Cube and SOIK, which manufacture medical devices and systems; and Warrantee, which is beginning activities in the field of healthcare finance and insurance.



Following the seminar mentioned held on August 21st, many people specifically visited the booths, providing each company with an opportunity to communicate their respective products and concepts.

The exhibited poster

In African countries, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are as big a problem as infectious diseases, just as they are in Japan. It goes without saying that people can prevent NCDs to a certain extent by eating a balanced diet, exercising regularly, undergoing regular checkups at nearby medical facilities, and understanding their own bodies. And if they know that they can receive high-quality medical care at reasonable prices even if they do become seriously ill, they will feel more secure.

So where should you start? Here are AFRECO's four member companies that can provide some useful hints.



The Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO) has been working since 1970 to promote economic exchange with African countries and contribute to mutual prosperity. AFRECO facilitates infrastructure development cooperation with African countries and regions, bringing economic benefits to the Japanese government and businesses. This promotes the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in both countries, serving as a driving force for growth. AFRECO also provides educational support to open the future of Africa, Additionally, AFRECO continues to develop and support projects in the health sector, enabling people living in Sub-Saharan Africa to lead higher-quality lives. From TICAD VI to TICAD 7, AFRECO held regular study sessions, inviting Japanese medical professionals working in Africa, In 2018, AFRECO suggested conceiving the "Africa Health and Wellbeing initiative (AHWIN)" to the Cabinet Secretariat, which catalyzed the Japanese government's Universal Health Coveral Health Coveral Health Coveral Health Coveral Health Coveral Projects through their support and collaboration.

Among the member companies, AFRECO introduces four that have developed and promoted projects for the people of Africa, addressing the continent's The Association of African Economy & Development (AFRECO) has been working

issues and transferring the knowledge and technology they have cultivated.

G CUBE... Medical equipment and system manufacturing
SOIK... Medical equipment and system manufacturing
Tokushukai... Hospitals
Warrantee... Medical finance and insurance
The strength of AFRECO lies in its network of members and affiliated organizations both domestically and internationally, which includes not only healthcare professionals such as doctors and hospitals but also universities and organizations engaged in research in fields such as medicine and bio medical engineering, manufacturers of medical devices and pharmaceuticals, private companies analyzing health checkups and test results and managing data, and financial institutions. AFRECO supports the activities of fits members and, at times, brings them

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AFRECO will continue our efforts to contribute to the
lives of people in African countries and those living in
Africa. Please feel free to contact us.



アフリカ諸国でも感染症だけではなく、我が国と同じように非感染 症疾患が大きな課題だ。本人が適切な量と質の食事に気を配り、適 度な運動して、身近な医療施設で定期的に検査を受け、己の体をちゃ んと理解しておくことで、被感染症疾患をある程度予防できること は言うまでもない。そして万一深刻な病になっても質の高い医療 サービスを手頃な値段で受けられることがわかっていれば安心だ。 そのためには何から始めればいいのか。ここにヒントとなる当協会 員企業から4社を紹介する。

- 岩社原法人アフリカ間界協会は、1970年以来、アフリカ諸国との結済交流を促 - 相互繁化に寄与することを目的として活動している。日本政府や企業に経済効果 - きたらすようなアフリカ諸国そして地域のインフラ器構造力、開発の力となる双 5の中小企業現職を役す案件形成、未来のアフリカを私く教育支援を行う一方、特

州用海軍では、2016年10分アンソルに治療する日本への造成に参考で出 約に勉強会を開催した。2018年には「アフリカ環境構想」を内閣信託を 25時のUHC展開に一石を投いた。それ以降、協会会員として多数の医療 - 個人を招き、支援、連携しながら残つもの案件を形成している。

ここに紹介するのは、そのうちの4社で、それぞれアフリカの課題を捉えながら、ア フリカの人々のための企画を開発、推進し、培った知識や技術を移転している。



(Japan Djibouti Friendship Association)

August 20-22, 2025 Exhibition Hall D B-52

Organized by Japan Djibouti Friendship Association, Coorganized by AFRECO

Many directors of AFRECO also serve as officers of the Japan Djibouti Friendship Association (President Tatsuo Arai, Advisor Tetsuro Yano, Director Kazuhiro Watanabe, Secretary-General Satoshi Ariyama). This exhibition, themed "Toward Co-creation with Djibouti in the Horn of Africa," introduced the activities of member companies

in Djibouti and the circumstances surrounding missions sent to the country.

During the exhibition period, Djibouti's Minister for Foreign Affairs visited.



TICAD9 Thematic Events Support

(TICAD GAMES 2025 International KENDO competition)

9:30-17:00 August 22, 2025 Yokohama Budokan

Organized by Tunisia-Japan Friendship Association, Supported by AFRECO and others

The TICAD Games, which began in Tunisia during TICAD8, aim to deepen international exchange while conveying the courtesy and mutual respect cherished by the Japanese people. This builds upon the TICAD process's emphasis on nurturing and refining individuals, ultimately striving to create a better Africa and a better world. This time, KENDO served as the tool, bringing together many athletes from Japan, Tunisia, the Republic of Congo, South Africa, France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Malaysia, and Thailand. The competition chair was the former Tunisian Ambassador to Japan, Sarah Hannassi.

At the post-competition reception, lively discussions took place on how to communicate this aspect of human resource development going forward.





TICAD9 Exchange of Views with Key Figures



Vice President and Minister of Finance, Botswana



President, Mauritania



AU Special Envoy for Food Systems

First Lady, Kenya

President, Angola



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador, Ghana



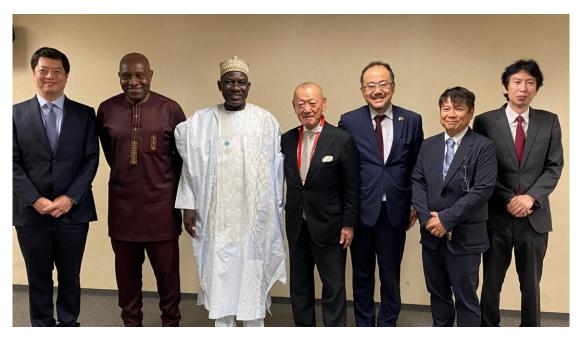


PM, Tunisia

President, Mozambique



President, South Africa



Minister of Economy, Planning and Land Development, Cameroon



Vice President, the Gambia



Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Djibouti

MOU Signing Ceremony

17:30 August 21, 2025

G Cube, Institut Pasteur de Tunis, Tunisia

AFRECO has supported numerous member companies in their expansion into Africa. G-Cube, which established the joint venture NIPPOMED in Tunisia during TICAD8, has now signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tunisia's Institut Pasteur de Tunis for joint research and development on the production of antibodies and vaccines. This development highlights the progress of G Cube's activities over the course of two TICADs.



Reference Material

By Cabinet Secretariat

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TICAD9 Partner Projects

【Roundtable: Japan's Role in Transforming Education System in Africa】

August 27, 2024 House of Councilors Building

Organized by AFRECO, GPE

In conjunction with the African Union's Year of Education, we shared the current status of educational cooperation between Japan and Africa with African ambassadors in Tokyo and consolidated each country's views on international educational cooperation ahead of TICAD 9.

【Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Zambia's Independence: Let's Talk about Zambia! Zambia's Health Situation and Japan's Support】

November 21, 2024 Teikyo University

Organized by AFRECO, Teikyo University, NPO Rocinantes

This event, comprising seminars and panel discussions, focused on Zambia's healthcare sector. To commemorate Zambia's 60th anniversary of independence, participants from various perspectives discussed "Japan's Support for Zambia's Future Healthcare."

(Study Session for the Future of Sudan)

February 27, 2025 Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan

Organized by AFRECO, Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan

A study session to learn about today's Sudan and consider what can be done once the conflict subsides. Speakers were a Japanese doctor continuing medical activities in Sudan and a staff member from the embassy.

【Roundtable on Technology and Education "Cab J-Tech4ed transform the education system in Africa?"】

March 13, 2025 House of Councilors Building

Organized by AFRECO, GPE

GPE Chair Kikwete, former President of Tanzania, was invited. Discussions were held to examine what Japan can offer in the field of education technology and the challenges partner countries face.