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Vers une Afrique qui gagne un continent d'espoir et d'opportunités



PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA

ATTENDS TICAD IV

The Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) was held from May 28 to May 30 this year in Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture. TICAD, which is held once every five years in Japan, is an opportunity to further accelerate forward-looking political and economic changes that have arisen in Africa in recent years. Under the banner of “Towards a Vibrant Africa,” the international community’s concrete measures for African development were announced at TICAD IV.





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FACING: Prime Minister Fukuda poses for a commemorative photograph with leaders of participating nations.

LEFT: Professor Miriam Were (left) and Dr. Brian Greenwood (right) were both awarded the First Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize by Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda. This prize honors individuals with outstanding achievements in the field of medical research and health services.

RIGHT: Prime Minister Fukuda and others at a joint press conference.



At the opening session, Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda delivered an address as the chair of TICAD IV, in which he stressed, “New African history that we will create together will be a history of growth.”

On the second day, Prime Minister Fukuda attended the high-level panel discussion on “Facing the Challenges and Opportunities of High Food Prices,” where he spoke about food assistance in response to the global food shortage and rising food prices, and about next year’s crop planting measures. Afterwards, Prime Minister Fukuda participated in a plenary session of the conference entitled “Expanding Partnership,” in which globally prominent individuals known for their involvement in African development, includ-

ing Bono, the activist singer of the group U2, made presentations based on their respective activities.

At the closing ceremony held on the final day, Prime Minister Fukuda first announced the Summary by the Chair. Afterwards, the

Yokohama Declaration, a document setting out policies for African development, was adopted. The TICAD IV Yokohama Action Plan, a roadmap of concrete measures to be taken, and the TICAD Follow-up Mechanism, a mechanism for monitoring the implementation status of the TICAD process, were also announced on this occasion.

At a joint press conference held after the closing session, Prime Minister Fukuda said, “The main objective of TICAD is for Japan, along with the international community, to vigorously support Africa to further enable countries to take their own steps ‘towards a vibrant Africa.’ ”

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