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Forum on Africa-Japan Relations

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The participants in the first session of the Japan Times Forum on Africa-Japan Relations are (from left) Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Hanyiyo, moderator and, and Tokyo Times Managing Editor Yako Kitaume, Ambassador for TICAD V Makoto Ito of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and African Development (TICAD V) will be held in Yokohama from May 30 to June 2, for the first time in five years. It is one of the largest business events about Africa in Japan. "Africa and Yokohama, Towards Mutual Growth," we will hold a seminar also featured methods to ensure the safety of the business in Africa. The available seats for each day was in 70, was filled in just one day. It is an evidence of the strong level of interest in African business.

TICAD V will formulate an action plan in the future, recognizing the future of the world and the idea, Japan then had an excellent view 20 years ago. Whoever came up with the idea, Japan regarded Africa as not only an aid recipient but also a consumer market and more people from Africa to give them a chance to understand the future of Africa and increasing investment in Africa.

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Concerned, we will discuss how to make infrastructure and train people to promote direct investment from the private sector to Africa and the importance of increased investment from the private sector. The participants in the first edition of The Japan Times Forum on Africa-Japan Relations were participated by not only Japan, the United Nations, the World Bank and the U.S. Development Program, but also the African Union Commission, making it a for the world to realizing and reducing African ownership has become stronger.

In TICAD V, Japanese Yokohama in 2008, 51 countries, 25 donor countries, 42 international organizations and more than 50 private sector organizations participated. Participants numbered more than 3,000 people, including 41 country leaders from Africa.

Of the pledges made by Japan to TICAD IV to support Africa, the targets of doubling Japan’s ODA for Africa to $1.2 billion and also doubling Japan’s investment into Africa to $7.4 billion had been achieved by 2012. Japan’s investment into Africa was already $2.2 billion at the end of 2011.

Also, we have TICAD followup meetings at the ministerial level in Africa every year to assess whether pledges made at TICAD are achieved. Along the followup, TICAD V will show the world how to turn African growth into global growth and do other things to improve the quality of growth. Based on the three themes—"reliable and sustainable economy," "inclusive and resilient society" and "peace and stability"—TICAD V participants will comprehensively discuss and produce an action plan.

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Regional challenges: what can Japan do help

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together. They can't be solved by running
investment, and the transfer of technology
to Africa.

a holistic or comprehensive manner, by
Africa, within Africa, but with the
enhanced support of the international community, including Japan.

Moderator: We have heard that conflicts
and security issues are some of the
hindrances to the investment climate. I
understood that this is an issue that
needs to be generalized, it has to be
seen as a common concern and its not a
simple issue. But overall, the sentiment
is that there are some issues that need to be
addressed and we welcome the efforts of
many countries to address these issues and
security. It looks like we might have to


Value-added: I think one of the
problems is the difficulty for the Japanese
private sector to enter Africa is the
bureaucratic red tape and the licensing
process is quite complex.

So we need to create a new image of
the countries between Japan and Africa. Not
only from Japan. We are ready to create
those conditions, showing Japan where
the private sector can be successful. We
are not begging. We are saying, you have this
to offer and let us work together so

then it is necessary to destroy the bad
perceptions.

In my meetings as part of the Western
World/ the West, this is very negative
through that impression of Japan and


Author: I think that the
current situation is how to partner together.
It is not about非洲 and they do what they have to
do and we also benefit out of this.

We have not been very successful in
attracting investments, Africa's fortunes will
undergo a favorable transformation. This is
what we see in Africa. And also in the
area of good governance, we want to partner with Japan
developing policies and projects that
would improve the material condition of our
people. Africa and the business community are
engaged together in finding a solution to
these...
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