

## **JICA signs a memorandum of cooperation with UNICEF**

### **-Contributing to achievement of SDGs, with main focus on fields of health, nutrition and education-**

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On August 28, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a memorandum of cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The signing took place in Yokohama during the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7), with UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore signing for UNICEF and JICA President Shinichi Kitaoka signing for JICA.



signing ceremony

The objective of this agreement is to enhance the effectiveness of humanitarian and development activities by building on past joint efforts in the field to strive for closer strategic cooperation. The memorandum covers a wide range of areas of cooperation, including health, nutrition, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, and empowerment and protection of people.

Through this memorandum, UNICEF, which has bases around the world and providing wide range of community-based social development activities focusing on children and adolescents, and JICA, which engages in a wide range of development cooperation through the life course of people from infancy to old age, will enhance strategic cooperation for greater synergy focused mainly on health, nutrition and education.

At the field level, JICA and UNICEF have collaborated in numerous projects together, such as the introduction of maternal and child health handbooks (Afghanistan and Burundi); provision of vaccines (Pakistan and Nigeria); tackling malnutrition (Ethiopia); non-formal education (Pakistan); and utilization of math drill worksheets (Niger, the “School for All” project). At the global level, UNICEF is one of the core members of the steering committee of the JICA-supported Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA), and both contribute as Human Capital Champions under the Human Capital Project launched by the World Bank.

JICA will increase its cooperation with UNICEF to contribute to achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and human security.