

【Side event of TICAD7】

### **Better livelihoods of one million's farmers by SHEP**

On Aug. 29, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) jointly organized a side event at the hotel InterContinental Yokohama Grand on the topic of Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) Approach.

The event was attended by over 100 participants, including the Minister of Ministry of Agriculture in Senegal, the Principal Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture in Kenya, other government officials from African countries, development partners, NGOs and representatives of private companies.

The SHEP approach, which emerged in Kenya in 2006, has led to a doubling of farmers' income by promoting their mindset from "grow and sell" to "grow to sell." Expansion of SHEP approach to 10 African countries was pledged during TICAD V in 2013, and now this approach has been extended to 24 countries. To date, approximately 110,000 small-scale farmers have utilized SHEP, and numerous impacts have emerged, such as increasing farmers' income, developing capacity for farming and bringing about improvements in the roles fulfilled by men and women. Private companies having business with small-scale farmers also obtain great advantage when they come to regard agriculture as a business and emphasize the investment for agricultural inputs. In the event various stakeholders get together, aiming for better lives of an increasing number of small-scale farmers through making effective use of SHEP approach.

Opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Senior Vice President of JICA, followed by a congratulatory address by Dr. Masaki Ogushi, member of the House of Representatives, a keynote speech by Mr. Gilbert Hougbo, President of IFAD, and a presentation on the outcome of SHEP by a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Malawi. Joining as members of the "Better lives of one million farmers through SHEP Approach" declaration, representatives of other African countries, the Executive Director of Sasakawa Africa Association, and representatives of ITOCHU Corporation and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. each gave short

speeches on their future SHEP actions. Afterward, the “Better lives of one million farmers through SHEP Approach” declaration was read out by the Professor Hamadi Iddi Boga, principal secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation in Kenya, the country where SHEP originated.

A closing statement was delivered by Dr. Moussa Balde, Minister of agriculture and rural equipment in Senegal, who expressed his will to support farmers toward achieving better lives in collaboration with other African countries and partner organizations.

#### ■ Participants

[Opening Remarks]

Hiroshi Kato, Senior Vice President of JICA

[Keynote Speech]

Gilbert Hougbo, President of IFAD

[Presenter]

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[Partners]

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Moussa BALDE, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in Senegal

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Fumiko Iseki, Executive Director of Sasakawa Africa Association

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Yuichi Narita, Senior Project Manager, ETG Business Team, Nutrition & Agriculture Business Unit, MITSUI & CO., LTD.

[Closing Remarks]

## Moussa BALDE, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in Senegal

### ■ Notes

#### 1 . Key words:

Improving agricultural extension advisory service

- Better lives of one million small-scale famers by the SHEP Approach in collaboration with African governments, private sectors and related organizations

### ■ Photos



### ■ Related SDGs



### ■ Related link

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