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## Kenya

### Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI)



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**O**n August 27-28, the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) was held in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. The Conference drew more than 3,000 participants including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and more than 35 heads of African states. The Nairobi Declaration was adopted with three priority areas:

- i) Promoting structural transformation through economic diversification and industrialization
- ii) Promoting resilient health systems for quality of life
- iii) Promoting social stability for shared prosperity

Japan announced cooperation for Africa between 2016 and 2018 in the amount of 3 trillion yen with a public-private partnership.

While continuing to contribute to achieve targets set at TICAD V in 2013, JICA will also contribute to TICAD VI commitments by various cooperation including following areas by 2018:

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gives a speech at TICAD VI

- i) Expanding the amount of finance to more than USD 33 hundred million by co-financing with African Development Bank (AfDB)
- ii) Development of human resources in industrial activities by continuing the program of 'ABE initiative' and implementing KAIZEN initiative
- iii) Support in health sector through the promotion of universal health coverage (UHC) and newly launched 'Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa' (IFNA)

JICA organized 18 side events during the Conference. For a high-level panel discussion on August 28, JICA President Shinichi Kitaoka became a moderator and invited a number of eminent panelists such as the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame, the Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina, and Prof. Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University to discuss various issues which Africa, Japan and the international community face.



## Jordan

### JICA Assists Syrian Refugees with Disabilities in Jordan



**S**yrrian refugees with disabilities in Jordan have completed a 'Guidebook to Services for People with Disabilities.' A workshop announcing the guidebook was held in Amman, the capital, on May 31.

In 2014, JICA began dispatching short-term experts with disabilities to assist Syrian refugees with disabilities in Jordan. As a result of the workshop, Syrian refugees with disabilities formed a peer-support group and developed the guidebook to provide information to others with disabilities. This guidebook is expected to help people learn what groups are offering what kinds of services, and how people can receive the services.

Jordan has almost 650,000 Syrian refugees. In addition to congenital impairments, many people have impairments caused by conflicts. Among the population, 25.9% of people are believed to have

Syrian refugees with disabilities in Jordan with the completed guidebook in their hands

some functional impairment\*; they have more difficulty in accessing medical and social resources.

The experts JICA dispatched carried out initiatives including: 1) a workshop to establish peer support groups where people with disabilities help one another, 2) a peer counseling seminar to enable people facing common difficulties to talk as equals and regain self-confidence, 3) training of facilitators for 'Disability Equality Training (DET)'

At first, many participants said "We're refugees so there's nothing we can do." However, their understanding has deepened and they have begun to think that they can understand other refugees with disabilities because they are in the same situation. The group of people now implement activities such as DET, peer counseling and sports, to support other Syrian refugees with disabilities. JICA will continue providing assistance to promote the social participation of people with disabilities.

\* 'Hidden victims of the Syrian crisis: disabled, injured and older refugees.' Help Age international/Handicap International.



## Philippines

### JOCVs receives the Ramon Magsaysay Award



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**J**apan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs), who are dispatched through one of the JICA volunteer programs, has been honored with the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in 1958 to commemorate Ramon Magsaysay, a former Philippines president. The award is widely regarded as the region's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. This award is given every year from the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation based in Manila, to an individual or an organization who has made an outstanding performance in social contribution in Asia.

Since the first award given in 1958 until present, over 300 individuals and 10 organizations have

JOCV contributed to the Lymphatic Filariasis Elimination programme in Bangladesh over two years. She was invited to the awards ceremony.

received the esteemed award. The winners come from different parts of Asia and in the past, Mother Teresa and the 14th Dalai Lama have received the award. In 1997, Sadako Ogata, a former JICA President, also received the award.

JICA volunteer programs including JOCV program has been contributing to the socioeconomic development of the Asian region for many years and celebrated its 50th anniversary last year under the concept of living and working together with the local communities. Such longstanding efforts have been recognized by the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation.

As of 31 July 2016, about 41,800 people have been sent around the world under JOCV program in total, of which 12,200 were dispatched to Asia. Currently there are 600 JOCVs engaged in activities in 18 Asian countries.

There was an error in the July 2016 edition of JICA's World. We sincerely apologize for the mistake.

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Original text: "from 19 billion in 1990"  
Correction: "from 1.9 billion in 1990"