## TICAD Ministerial Meeting 2018 Co-Chairs' Summaries (main points)

## Plenary 1: Trends and Challenges since TICAD VI

- Reviewed implementation of the measures (announced at TICAD V and VI) by the participants including Japan. Confirmed acceleration of efforts toward TICAD 7 by African countries, partner countries, international organizations, private sector, etc.
- Welcomed the signing of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as well as peace building efforts including those in South Sudan and Horn of Africa.
   Confirmed the importance of dealing with challenges such as health, natural disaster and climate change, and human resource development and institution building, as well as debt sustainability (maintaining debt as payable, fiscal soundness and transparency). Called on both donor and Africa's effort in this regard.

#### **Plenary 2: Economic Transformation for Inclusive Growth**

- To take advantage of growing African economy and to promote economic diversification and industrialization, confirmed need for supporting Micro, Small and Middle Enterprises (SME's), industrial development, improving productivity in agriculture, promoting science and technology and innovation (STI). Keys to promote private investment are debt sustainability and fiscal soundness, development of business environment, skills and entrepreneurial development, etc.
- Acknowledged the huge potential of African blue economy. Underscored the importance of maritime security and safety (counter piracy, etc.) including through a rule-based maritime order, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), stressing that the free and open oceans connecting Africa and Japan will ensure stability and prosperity of the region.

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#### Plenary 3: Healthy, Sustainable and Stable Society for Human Security

- To realize human security, confirmed the importance of promoting Universal Health Coverage (UHC),
  developing the resilience and preparedness against the adverse effect of climate change, extreme
  weather and natural disasters, developing urban environment, and empowering youth and
  women through education and vocational training.
- Toward African peace and stability, recognized the importance of conflict prevention as well as African solutions to African problems.

#### Plenary 4: Strengthening Connectivity for Africa and Beyond

- To promote peace and prosperity in Africa, confirmed the importance of promoting **physical** (e.g. quality infrastructure initiative), **digital** (e.g. ICT), **institutional** (e.g. economic partnership, One Stop Border Post (OSBP)) and **people-to-people** (e.g. collaboration between universities, sports) **connectivity** within Africa and between inside and outside of Africa.
- Highlighted the importance of managing main infrastructures including international ports in a way that is fair, open, and transparent.