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Distinguished representatives of countries and international organizations, ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to be able to participate in the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) High-level Panel with you all today. TICAD is an opportunity for Africa to present its own “African dream” and work hand-in-hand with Japan to realize it. Japan will make every possible effort to support the realization of Agenda 2063.

What can we do to that end? In order to realize Agenda 2063, I propose to boldly move ahead with “investing for the future”.

First is investing in the infrastructure. Japan will promote “Connect Africa through world-class infrastructure” set forth in Agenda 2063 by undertaking “quality infrastructure investment” in line with the G7 Ise-Shima Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment.

For example, currently, many African countries are facing a problem of urban congestion. Utilizing urban rail technologies such as the automated guideway transit (AGT) service that is used on the Yurikamome Line in Japan is an effective way of resolving this problem.

Next is investing in the human resources. Africa is projected to undergo further growth and develop up to and beyond 2063. Further capacity-building of young people and women is the key to achieving this.

In light of that, over the next three years, provide training to 30 thousand of people who will get involved in industrial activities to become a core of economic activities, through providing the opportunity of research, practical learning and business experience. Furthermore, Japan will provide training for 20 thousand mathematics and science teachers to enhance the basic academic level in the field of science and technology.

Agenda 2063 also calls for initiatives in various fields such as realizing peace in Africa, United Nations Security Council reform, agriculture and responding to climate change.

Japan intends to work closely with Africa to assist realizing each of these initiatives. It will be important to begin promptly, from wherever we can. I would like to conclude my remarks by expressing my hope that today’s High-level Panel serves as an opportunity for doing that.