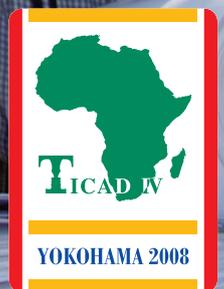


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The Third TICAD Ministerial Follow-up Meeting is held in Dakar, Senegal on May 1-2, 2011, less than two months after the most powerful earthquake hit Japan in its recorded history. Since the quake, Japan has received an outpouring of condolences, sympathy and support from across Africa, and indeed all around the world - providing a clear testimony of the depth of goodwill and solidarity cherished by people of all over the globe. Japan expresses its sincere gratitude for their support and solidarity.

Japan is making all-out efforts to recover from this devastation. Based on the most severe experience, Japan will move to build a new society which is more resilient to natural disasters. Japan will share with TICAD partners its experiences and lessons dearly learned from this calamity, and will discuss with them, with an even deeper level of understanding and compassion, ways to help Africa become more resilient, itself, to natural disasters such as floods or drought which often afflict many parts of the continent.

At the Third Ministerial Follow-up Meeting, all TICAD partners review the progress made until the end of the fiscal year 2010 in the implementation of the Yokohama Action Plan (YAP). This year, 2011, in which we have passed the halfway point of the 5-year period set out in the YAP, provides a timely opportunity, for all participants including the AU Commission as Co-organiser since August 2010, to consider the future of the TICAD process. This year's meeting in Senegal also provides a great opportunity for Japan to demonstrate to TICAD partners and the world, its determination to continue to take an active role for the international peace and stability in spite of this earthquake. Japan, hereby, expresses its determination to faithfully implement the comprehensive pledges made at TICAD IV.

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