

**Remarks of H.E. Mr. TAKEUCHI Kazuyuki, Ambassador of Japan to  
the Republic of Zambia,  
On the Occasion of Media Breakfast  
Raddison Blu Hotel  
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Mrs. Etambuyu Anamela Gundersen, Permanent Secretary- Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,  
Distinguished members of the media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to all of you for joining us this morning despite your busy schedule. It is a great honour for me to have this opportunity to speak directly with members of the Zambian press, government officials and other stakeholders.

At today's breakfast meeting, we would like to present the long-standing bilateral relations between Japan and Zambia. Under this big theme, JICA will showcase their development cooperation programmes in Zambia, including key milestones and notable success stories, and the embassy will introduce TICAD 9, which will be held in Yokohama from next Wednesday, and how TICAD has served as a platform for African development .

I will leave the details of TICAD to my colleague's presentation later, but allow me to underscore the importance of TICAD. Since its inception in 1993, TICAD has placed great importance on sincere engagement with Africa and on building partnerships through dialogue with the spirit of "ownership" and "partnership." The upcoming TICAD will serve as a vital platform to support Africa's sustainable development in the post-COVID era and to strengthen the continent's efforts to address global challenges such as climate change, health, and peace and stability.

Zambia has been an important partner in the TICAD process, and Japan has worked closely with Zambia in a wide range of fields, including education, agriculture, health and infrastructure development.

TICAD has been sustained not only by governments, but also by diverse partnerships that include civil society, the private sector, and the media. Your role as the press is essential in raising awareness of TICAD's significance in Zambia, in conveying the reality of Japan–Zambia relations, and in amplifying Africa's voice on the global stage. As we approach TICAD 9 next week, I earnestly request your continued cooperation in delivering accurate, constructive, and inspiring coverage.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I trust that today's discussion will not only deepen your understanding of the TICAD process, but also highlight the tangible impact of Japan's development cooperation in Zambia, the successes we have achieved together, and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Your engagement and accurate reporting will be vital in ensuring that these stories reach the broader public, inspiring further collaboration and mutual understanding. I look forward to working hand in hand with all of you towards the success of TICAD 9, the continued advancement of Japan–Zambia cooperation in every field, and the strengthening of our enduring partnership.

Thank you.

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