

Symposium to Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Co-Creation, Solidarity, and the Future

Toward a Free and Open International Order and a New Era of Development Cooperation

Hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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Date/Time Tuesday, December 17, 2024 12:15 PM – 3:25 PM

Format Live-streamed event



This year marks 70 years since Japan began its Official Development Assistance (ODA), and in celebration of this milestone, we are hosting a symposium that will reflect on Japan's seven decades of international cooperation while also presenting a vision for new approaches to development partnership under the updated Development Cooperation Charter.

The event will bring together key figures from international organizations, national governments, and the private sector. Participants will engage in meaningful discussions about the future of development cooperation and sustainable progress.

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This symposium does not accept in-person registrations from the general public. However, anyone can view the live stream on the website <https://oda70th-symposium.jp/> on the day of the event. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to join us online. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Japanese will be provided.

PROGRAM

12:15 ~

Opening Remarks

Welcome Address by Co-Organizers



Mr. Hideo Ishizuki, Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Born in 1967. Graduated from the University of Tokyo Department of Liberal Arts. Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1991. Director of Press Division in 2012, Director of First North America Division in 2014, Director of Overseas Establishments Division in 2016, Minister of Embassy of Japan in the People's Republic of China in 2017, Ambassador in charge of International Security and Cyber Policy/Deputy Assistant Minister, Foreign Policy Bureau in 2022, Director-General of International Cooperation Bureau in 2024.



Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo, and completed a Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). After serving as Vice President of the University of Tokyo, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, he resumed his role as President of JICA in April 2022.

Guest Remarks (To Be Confirmed)

12:30 ~

Keynote Speeches

Keynote 1

Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
(To Be Confirmed)



Born in Oita, Japan, in 1957. Graduated from the School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University. Elected 10 times as a member of the House of Representatives, after serving as a member of Oita prefectural assembly. Appointed as the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Ishiba Cabinet in October 2024, with the experience of serving as the State Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defense.

Keynote 2

Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Achim Steiner became UNDP Administrator on 19 June 2017. Prior to joining UNDP, he served as Director of the Oxford Martin School(2016-2017), Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (2006-2016), Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (2009-2011), and Director-General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (2001-2006).

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Panel Discussion 1:

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Panelists



Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Dr. Rania A. Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Dr. Rania A. Al-Mashat has been part of Egypt's Cabinet of Ministers since 2018, serving as Minister of International Cooperation (Dec 2019 - July 2024) and the first female Minister of Tourism (Jan 2018 - Dec 2019). With over 20 years of international experience in central banking, financial systems, monetary policy frameworks, international cooperation policies and strategies, sustainable development, and climate finance, she has also held key roles such as Advisor to the IMF Chief Economist and Sub-Governor for Monetary Policy at the Central Bank of Egypt.



Ms. Phonevanh Outhavong, Vice Minister of Planning and Investment of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Ms. Phonevanh Outhavong joined the Department of General Planning at the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Finance as a technical officer in 1990. In 2016, she was promoted to Director General of the Department of Planning at the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) and has served as Vice Minister since 2021. In this role, she oversees national planning, public investment management, monitoring, evaluation, implementation, and international development cooperation.



Dr. Hussain Niyaz, Secretary, Economic and Development Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Maldives

Proficient in the fields of Diplomacy, Demography and Development and Development Cooperation. Experienced in planning and execution of large-scale data collection and analysis, and International Development Cooperation. Represented the country as Deputy High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Ambassador to the U.A.E., High Commissioner to India and Non-Resident Ambassador to Nepal.



Mr. Jean Antoine Diouf, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Senegal to Japan

Amb. Diouf dedicated most of his diplomatic career to African integration issues. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Senegal to Japan in August 2023, Ambassador Diouf had overseen the Ministry's strategic activities as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.



Mr. Ahmed Chafra, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tunisia to Japan

Senior Tunisian diplomat, since January 2024 serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tunisia to Japan. Former Consul General and Ambassador to Germany, with over 30 years of experience. Expert in European affairs.



Mr. Kazuhiko Nakamura, Ambassador, Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Born in Fukuoka, Japan in 1970. Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992. He is in current position since July 2024, with the experience of serving as Director, Economic Treaties Division (2013-2016), Minister, Embassy of Japan in France (2016-2019), Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs Bureau (G20/G7 Sous Sherpa)(2021-2023) and for International Legal Affairs Bureau (Deputy Legal Adviser)(2023-2024).

Moderator



Ms. Aiko Doden, Distinguished Senior Fellow, The Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Ms. Doden's field of research include human security issues in Southeast Asia with focus on peace building, human rights, gender and education. Trustee, Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company. Governing Board member, UNESCO MGIEP, Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Education for Peace.

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Intermission

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Panel Discussion 2:

New Approaches to International Cooperation

Panelists



Dr. Akihiko Tanaka, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



Mr. Masataka Uo, President & CEO, Japan Fundraising Association

After 17 years working at JICA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' International Cooperation Bureau, he founded the Japan Fundraising Association and currently serves as its President & CEO. He is also the Vice President of Shizenkan University Graduate School and the Vice Chair of the GSG Impact Japan Advisory Committee.



Dr. Tokutaro Hiramoto Director, Center for SDGs Promotion, Kanazawa Institute of Technology; Professor, Department of Management Information

Joined Nomura Research Institute, where he worked on public-private partnership policy planning for MDGs and climate change initiatives, receiving the President's Award. Later joined Kanazawa Institute of Technology in 2016, where he helped win the first Japan SDGs Award (Chief Cabinet Secretary Award). Author of books including Understanding SDGs with Illustrations for Age 10 and Up.



Mr. Yosuke Mizukami, Executive Director, Ocean Solution Technology Co., Ltd.

As a "second founding" initiative, he established a new startup that supports fishers using artificial intelligence (AI). Through the development and operation of "Triton's Spear," a system that visualizes fishing operations and optimizes catch management using AI, he is leading the advancement of smart fisheries in Japan.



Ms. Yuika Oku, Chairperson, Teto Company NPO

After serving as a teacher at a special support school and a JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteer, she established an NPO. In Taketa City, Oita Prefecture, which has a population of 20,000 and an aging rate over 50%, she manages a multigenerational exchange center and operates a daycare service business.



Mr. Hideo Ishizuki, Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

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Closing Remarks



Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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