

**Statement by Mr. Kazuyuki Nakane, Parliamentary  
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on the occasion of International Ebola Recovery Conference**

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of United Nations,  
Distinguished guests,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere condolences to those who lost their lives due to the Ebola virus disease and express my respect to Mr. Ban Ki-moon for convening this conference under his initiative.

I was informed that Liberia confirmed new cases of Ebola virus disease after WHO declared the end of the Ebola outbreak on May 9. I hope that Liberian people will remain united to overcome difficulties under the leadership of President Sirleaf.

The number of new cases has greatly decreased in Guinea and Sierra Leone. On the other hand, we have to put forth our best possible efforts so that we can achieve the “Zero Ebola Cases”, and Japan remain firmly committed to actively support these efforts.

The Government of Japan has provided not only financial assistances, but also made personnel and in-kind contributions. Japan sent 20 experts to WHO-missions in total and a Japanese senior-official was seconded to the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER).

As for in-kind contributions, we mainly provided medical equipment, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, Japanese companies have developed medicine, Ebola test kits and infrared thermography cameras with the help of the cutting-edge Japanese technology and the Government of Japan has been supporting these initiatives. The public and private sectors have been closely cooperating in the fight against the

Ebola virus disease.

Now the international community is required to accelerate the efforts toward the reconstruction of the three affected countries. In this regard, Japan is committed this year to providing assistance amounting to USD 80 million, including the contributions already made to relevant international organizations in line with the reconstruction plans drawn up by the three affected countries.

More specifically, based on the perspective of human security, we will be providing assistance in the health sector, while respecting the ownership of the three affected countries. For example, we will be improving governance and building the capacity of communities through empowerment of not only medical personnel but also those engaging in policy planning and implementation. We will also be rehabilitating health facilities. In addition, we will be making contributions to the reconstruction of the social and economic sector, including infrastructure development, agricultural productivity and food security.

Japan has been bridging two guiding principles: the African ownership and the international partnership in 20 years through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process.

On the occasion of TICAD V in 2013, we committed to the financial support of USD 500 million and capacity building of 120,000 people in the health sector in the next five years. We have been steadily implementing this commitment based on the idea of Universal Health Coverage.

The Government of Japan now prioritizes the reinforcement and rebuilding of health systems until the end of the commitment period up to 2017, especially in the part of the Western African

Region, which was heavily affected by the Ebola virus disease.

We will be accelerating these efforts and continue to focus on the health cooperation in the next TICAD. Japan is determined to mobilize its personnel, finance, knowledge, experience and technology to advance this cooperation.