

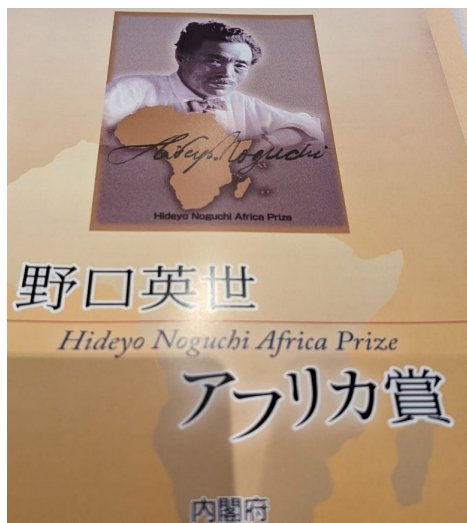
Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize

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Participated in the welcome ceremony for the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize laureates. The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize is awarded to those who have contributed to improving the health and welfare of people living in Africa. Dr. Hideyo Noguchi died at the age of 51 while researching yellow fever in Africa. At a young age, he received worldwide attention for his research on bacteriology.

In the field of medical research, Dr. Salim S. Abdool Karim and Dr. Quarraisha Abdool Karim, who are leading figures in HIV/AIDS infectious disease control, visited Japan. In the field of medical activities, presentations were given by Senior Director Mertz and Adam Weiss from the Carter Center, which has long led the Guinea helminth eradication program. In the 1980s, there were 3.5 million cases of guinea worm, but now the number has decreased to 4, and eradication is in sight. The key was not the need for vaccines, but the provision of clean and safe water. Drinking water from a pipe with a filter that can be produced for \$1. He shared his knowledge about the importance of cooperation with grassroots communities. It seems that he is also working on mental health to deal with the stigma of suffering from physical changes due to illness.





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