



## Courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yamada by the recipients of the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize

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On March 13, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kenji Yamada received a courtesy call from the recipients of the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize.

1. At the outset, State Minister Yamada offered his congratulations on winning the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize, and expressed his hope that the visit would be fruitful. In response, the laureates explained their efforts and stated that it was an honor to receive the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize at TICAD8 last year, and that it was a pleasure to be able to visit Japan on this occasion.
2. State Minister Yamada also commended Mr. and Mrs. Karim for their global contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS and the novel coronavirus disease, and the almost complete eradication of guinea worm by the Carter Center's Guinea worm eradication program. In addition, he expressed Japan's intention to continue to support each and every medical worker under a uniquely Japanese approach that focuses on "people." In response, the laureates expressed their gratitude for Japan's support, including financial assistance, and stated that they hoped for further contributions in the field of health.
3. Finally, State Minister Yamada stated that he would like to cooperate with the laureates to become a force for Africa through the TICAD process, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

(Reference) The group of the 4th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize laureates making a courtesy call

- (1) Dr. Salim S. Abdool Karim Director, AIDS Research Program Center, South Africa / Professor, University of KwaZulu- Natal
- (2) Dr. Quarraisha Abdool Karim Deputy Director, Center for AIDS Research Programs, South Africa / Professor, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- (3) Mr. Adam Joseph Weiss, Director of Guinea Worm Eradication Program, The Carter Center
- (4) Ms. Meagan Clem Martz, Senior Vice President, The Carter Center