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International Symposium

“Can Japan’s ODA Save the World’s Poor?”

-Japanese ODA Reform, New Directions in International Aid, and the View Point of the Poor-
Dialogue among OECD/DAC, the Japanese Government, Other Donors, and Civil Society

Date: 27 May 2006 (Sat) 10:00-13:00 (Opens at 9:30)

**Languages: Japanese & English (simultaneous translation)
Admission Free**

Venue: Conference hall, Institute for International Cooperation
10-5, Ichigaya Honmura-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo Tel: 03-3269-2911

How should Japan engage in poverty reduction?

In trying to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)—which center around poverty reduction—the world’s Official Development Assistance (ODA) agencies have been making efforts to target Africa, where the poorest countries are concentrated. Furthermore, they are also proposing to make aid effective by actively untying ODA and trying to increase funds through new ways of resource mobilization. Currently, Japan is undergoing a so-called “ODA reform”—but from the view point of the poor and Japanese citizens, will it have any impact on poverty reduction?

On May 27, we will have an opportunity to invite the Chair of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)’s Development Assistance Committee (DAC), Mr. Richard Manning, who is playing a major role in international efforts to improve ODA. Other invitees include aid related officials from the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, and Germany. They will have a discussion with representatives of the Japanese government as well as civil society who have been advocating ODA issues.

What needs to be done in order to make Japanese ODA become more effective towards global poverty reduction? At this symposium, we plan to have a lively discussion on this point with the guests as well as the audience.

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| 9:30-10:00 | Registration | | |
| 10:00-10:20 | Opening | | |
| | Organizer's address | Mr. Yoshitaka Funato, JANIC President | |
| | Introduction: concerns regarding the ODA reform | Mr. Masaaki Ohashi, JANIC Vice President | |
| | Presentation on questions for discussion | Mr. Kiyotaka Takahashi, ODA Reform Network | |
| 10:20-11:15 | New Directions in International Aid | | |
| | Message for Japanese ODA | Mr. Richard Manning, Chair of OECD/DAC | |
| | Japanese ODA's efforts | Mr. Kazuo Kodama, Deputy Director-General for Economic Cooperation, MOFA, Japan | |
| | Poverty reduction & civil society engagement | UK's approach | Mr. Adrian Davis, Country Representative in China, DFID, UK |
| | | France's approach | Mr. Pierre Jacquet, Chief Economist, AFD, France |
| Netherlands' approach | | Mr. Rob de Vos, Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation, MOFA, the Netherlands | |
| 11:15-11:25 | Views of NGOs | Professor Minoru Obayashi, President, TICAD Civil Society Forum, President | |
| 11:25-11:40 | Coffee Break | | |
| 11:40-11:55 | Comments from commentators | Professor Ryokichi Hirono, President, Committee of ADP Mr. Michael Roeskau, Director, OECD/DAC Secretariat Mr. Henri Rouille d'Orfeuille, President, Coordination SUD, (France) Dr. Stefan Profit, Economics Department, German Embassy in Tokyo | |
| 11:55-12:30 | Discussion with the Audience | | |
| 12:30-12:55 | Final remarks from Panel | | |
| 12:55-13:00 | Wrap up | Professor Minoru Obayashi, President, TICAD Civil Society Forum | |

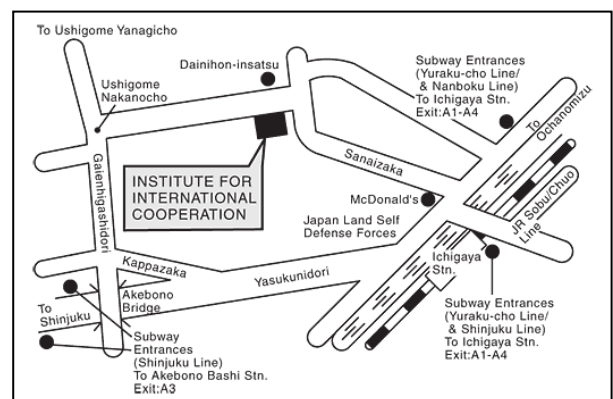
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