

TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) V Seminar in Cape Town/Pretoria

“The basic theme for TICADV that has emanated from discussions with the African countries is to improve the quality of growth”. Ambassador Yutaka Yoshizawa stated at the two seminars which took place in Cape Town and Pretoria on 8 and 10 May. The seminars were organized to highlight 20 years of cooperation between Japan and Africa since TICAD was initiated and to provide insight into TICADV which will take place in Yokohama on 1-3 June. President Zuma along with other African leaders is expected to attend the summit meeting.

In his keynote speech, JICA President Akihiko Tanaka explained that JICA delivers US\$400 million of technical cooperation, US\$400 million of grant aid and US\$800 million of concessional loans annually and that JICA would continue to contribute to accelerating the growth of Africa and tackling new challenges.

NEPAD Agency CEO Ibrahim Mayaki expressed appreciation to Japan and the TICAD process for promoting development in Africa.

The two seminars were attended by a total of about 220 people.