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### Japan's cooperation in the fields of health care and wellbeing for the people of Uganda

On 14 August 2019, Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng signed a **Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC)** aimed at promoting cooperation **in the field of healthcare and wellness in Uganda** with Ambassador of Japan to Uganda H.E. Mr. Kazuaki Kameda on behalf of the Office of Healthcare Policy, the Cabinet Secretariat of Japan and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan.

Japan is working on African development issues through the TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) process, and at TICAD VI held in 2016, Japan launched a health initiative that includes the promotion of universal health coverage (UHC). Based on this vision, Japan has set the basic principles of **the Africa Health and Wellbeing Initiative** to promote African UHC based on human security and to make a more specific contribution. TICAD7 is going to be held from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> in Yokohama, Japan. One of TICAD7's main focuses is on health and nutrition, including the promotion of UHC in Africa, which was also one of the pillars of TICAD VI.

Under **this partnership**, Uganda's Ministry of Health and Japan's Cabinet Secretariat and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, focus on creating a vibrant and healthy society for long and productive lives by strengthening the necessary medical services, healthcare services and services that support healthy lives, including a business-based approach, as well as enhancing economic growth. It also aims to identify specific approaches to collaboration in the healthcare field. There are high expectations for cooperation with not only private business partners but also involving ambitious NGOs to make private sector projects successful.

**The Initiative** will improve Uganda's health care and enable economic growth while stimulating private sector activities.

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