

JAPAN-GHANA SUMMIT MEETING

On May 18, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe hosted a summit meeting and other events with H.E. Mr. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana.

President Mahama expressed gratitude for the invitation to Japan and also offered words of condolence on the earthquakes centered in Kumamoto. He also reflected on Japan-Ghana relations since the time when Professor Hideyo Noguchi conducted his research in Ghana and thanked Japan for its assistance to Ghana.

Prime Minister Abe explained that Japan hopes to further strengthen its relationship with Ghana, especially by promoting economic ties and strengthening cooperation in the field of health. He expressed his intention to work together towards the conclusion of the ongoing negotiation of an investment treaty between Japan and Ghana at the earliest possible timing and to start consultations



Ghana President John Dramani Mahama and Prime Minister Abe address the press, 18 May 2016.

for an avoidance of a double taxation convention between Japan and Ghana among relevant authorities. He also explained Japan's intention to provide a yen loan of approximately USD 100 million for the Construction of a New Bridge across the Volta River on the Eastern Corridor Project.

JAPAN-CHAD SUMMIT MEETING



Prime Minister Abe shakes hands with President of Chad Idriss Déby Itno, 28 May 2016.

On May 28, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a Japan-Chad Summit Meeting with H.E. Mr. Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, who was visiting Japan to attend the outreach meeting of the G7 Ise-Shima Summit.

President Déby Itno expressed his appreciation for the G7 Summit on behalf of Africa and his satisfaction with its outcomes. He stated that high quality infrastructure was important for Africa and asked Japan to share its experience. Prime Minister Abe explained Japan's decision in January this year to extend approximately USD 8.45 million of emergency and humanitarian assistance to Chad through international organizations, for purposes such as food security and countering extremism, as well as Japan's intention to provide approximately USD 3.2 million worth of agriculture-related equipment. In addition, he stated that he intends to discuss such issues as health systems and women's empowerment at TICAD VI as well.