


JAPAN AND AFRICA: PARTNERS FOR GROWTH

“Now it is Asia, and it is also Africa, more than anywhere else, where you find the spirit of growth in the breeze, together with the rich soil of dynamic growth potential. I say to you that Asian and African nations are no longer Japan’s aid recipients. They are Japan’s partners for growth. [This] year’s TICAD* meeting will be the first to take place on the soil of Africa, which is so full of energy. Whether we build up human capacities or infrastructure, all will be an investment into the future.”

So said Prime Minister Abe at the Asian-African Summit in April last year. Now TICAD VI is upon us, we look at some of the Japan-Africa initiatives supporting the Prime Minister’s claim.

* Tokyo International Conference on African Development



The Matadi Bridge spans the Congo River in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
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