

(provisional translation)

Establishment of the Prize for outstanding achievements in the fields of medical research and medical services in Africa, in memory of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi

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Cabinet Decision

1. The spread of infectious diseases presents a common threat to all humankind. Mindful of the ominous human suffering persisting in Africa, the region facing the most serious health challenge on the globe, the Government of Japan has established the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize. The Prize aims to honour individuals with outstanding achievements in the fields of medical research and medical services to combat infectious and other diseases in Africa, thus contributing to the health and welfare of the African people and of all humankind.
2. The Prize will be named ‘the Prize for outstanding achievements in the fields of medical research and medical services in Africa, in memory of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi’, recalling Dr. Hideyo Noguchi’s contribution to medical advancement in Africa and the name of the Prize will be abbreviated to ‘Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize’ (hereinafter referred to as “the Prize”).
3. An office in charge of launching the initial works of the Prize will be established within the Cabinet Office, with a view to holding the first award ceremony in 2008. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, as well as the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare will cooperate with the office as necessary. A liaison and coordination committee which consists of the above-mentioned ministries will be established within the Cabinet and the Cabinet Secretary will provide administrative services.
4. Any other matters deemed necessary for the management of the Prize will be laid down by the Prime Minister.