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To whom it may concern

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The Fifth Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize

Nomination of Candidates for the Fifth Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize (Request)

The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize is awarded to those who have made outstanding achievements in the fields of medical research or activities to combat infectious diseases and promote public health in Africa, based on the aspirations of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, who lost his life during the research on yellow fever in Africa, thereby improving the health and welfare of the people living in Africa and, by extension, humanity as a whole.

While19 years have passed since the Japanese government established this prize in July 2006, infectious diseases are still widespread in Africa, and it is still fresh in our minds that the new coronavirus infection has become a common threat to humanity. Under these circumstances, the significance and purpose of this prize is becoming rather more important.

The award ceremony is scheduled at the time of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). Since the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) will be held in Yokohama in 2025, we have decided to call for candidates from all over the world for the award of the 5th Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize.

We are sending you the attached nomination guidelines for the "Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize" and invite you to nominate a candidate. The JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) for the field of medical research and the WHO Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) for the field of medical activities will serve as the secretariat. Nomination documents for each field should be sent by Friday, 20th of September, 2024.

We would like to ask all interested parties to actively nominate suitable candidates for this award.