

Japan's Grant Aid "The Project for Strengthening the Diagnostic Capacity of Nigeria Centre for Disease Control"

Signing Ceremony of the Exchange of Notes (E/N)

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Venue:** Conference Room of the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Abuja, F.C.T.

**Summary:** The Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Yutaka Kikuta signed the Exchange of Notes for "The Project for Strengthening the Diagnostic Capacity of Nigeria Centre for Disease Control" on 9<sup>th</sup> April together with the Honourable Minister of Budget and National Planning, Sen. Udoma Udo Udoma with the presence of the Honourable Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Folorunso Adewole. The Government of Japan has extended the aid of JPY 1.580 billion (equivalent of USD 14.234 million) to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in order to contribute to resilient health systems for quality of life in Nigeria.

The project is to establish laboratory facilities for surveillance in Abuja, in order to strengthen the response to infectious diseases and the function of surveillance to people living in Nigeria.

"Promoting resilient health systems for quality of life" is a guiding principle adopted at the Nairobi Declaration of Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI), held in 2016. The people and the Government of Japan hope this project will enable more Nigerians to have improved access to health systems and thus will contribute to sustainable development and poverty reduction in Nigeria.

The other participants in this ceremony include representatives from Ministry of Health, Prof. Isaac Folorunso Adewole, the DG of NCDC, Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu and the Chief Representative of JICA Nigeria Office, Ms. Makiko Okumura. It was widely reported by the local media.



Ambassador Yutaka Kikuta Giving speech



Group photograph with implementing partner