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President of Rwanda



H.E. Jean Ping, Chairperson  
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On May 29th, 2008– George Hara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, IIMSAM Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, presented a keynote address at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) STS Special Session held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yokohama, Japan.

Ambassador Hara proposed a framework to assist African development based on the deployment of science and technology. Ambassador Hara further proposed a plan to alleviate malnutrition problems in Africa through distribution of spirulina in collaboration with the Alliance Forum Foundation. This plan, detailed by Ambassador Hara, is based on the concept of harnessing the power of the private sector under the UN flag to help developing countries.

Following this address, a number of government officials from Africa including Botswana, Mozambique, and Zambia, expressed serious interest in the potential of spirulina to assist their countries in combating malnutrition issues. Distinguished attendees at the address included H.E. Paul Kagame, the President of Rwanda, H.E. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the Commission for the African Union, Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Special Advisor to the Cabinet JP, and Fumio Kishida, Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy.



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