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### **Takeda Launches Initiative for Capacity Development of Health Care Workers in Africa through programs supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

**March 18, 2010, Osaka, Japan** – Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited announced today that it will launch the "Takeda Initiative," an endowment program designed to support the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, with an aim of developing and strengthening the capacity of health care workers in Africa. Today, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, which are seen as the three of the world's most devastating infectious diseases, claim nearly five million lives each year. This constitutes a major obstacle to growth in developing countries, and taking forceful measures against these diseases is regarded as an essential task for the international community.

The lack of health care workers is particularly severe in Africa, and poses a major obstacle to providing the health care services required to combat infectious diseases. Given these circumstances, Takeda is contributing to Global Fund-supported programs in Africa, to enhance health care systems mainly through developing and strengthening individuals involved in providing health care.

As a pharmaceutical company with a global business presence, Takeda strives to contribute to the lives and health of people around the world. By providing health care support in developing countries where its contribution has previously been low, Takeda is taking an active role in the effort to control the spread of the three major infectious diseases, one of the eight targets set by the United Nations, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

"We are extremely pleased with the commitment from Takeda. I hope it will inspire other corporations in Asia and across the world to step up and join the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria" said Professor Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund.

"This program is consistent with Takeda's business philosophy, and puts into practice the ideals expressed in the UN Global Compact in which Takeda took part last year," said Yasuchika Hasegawa, President & CEO of Takeda. "It is our sincere hope that this program will help enhance the foundation of health care in developing countries, thereby benefiting people who suffer from these three major scourges."

## Overview of Takeda Initiative

Recipient of contributions: The Global Fund

(Facilitating body within Japan: Japan Center for International Exchange, serving as the Secretariat for the Friends of the Global Fund, Japan)

Amount of contributions: 100,000,000 Japanese yen annually (approximately US\$ 1 million) for the ten consecutive years from 2010 to 2019

Takeda aims:

1) To support human capacity development for health system strengthening in developing countries.

As the first phase of the Initiative, Takeda supports the following Global Fund projects in Africa:

- Tanzania (target disease: malaria): National Insecticide Treated Nets Implementation Plan (NATNETS)
  - Strengthening the system to distribute insecticide treated nets and developing the human resources engaged in promoting the use and dissemination of nets
- Nigeria (target disease: HIV/AIDS): Scale-up of comprehensive HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support
  - Training of staff members of not-for-profit and grass-roots organizations engaged in providing community-based care for HIV/AIDS patients and orphans, and carrying out advocacy and awareness raising activities
- Senegal (target disease: tuberculosis): Reinforce TB Control
  - Capacity development of health workers engaged in tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment

2) To support the Global Fund in its public relations and advocacy activities in Japan

## The Global Fund

The Global Fund is a global public/private partnership dedicated to attracting and disbursing additional resources to prevent and treat HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. With strong leadership of the Japanese Government at the G8 Kyushu-Okinawa Summit 2000 for fight against these diseases, the Global Fund was established in 2002 when former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan called for the creation of a global fund to channel additional resources to fight the three diseases. To date, the Global Fund has raised funds mainly from the governments of the G8 countries and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as other government agencies, foundations, and private companies. It has approved proposals totaling 19.2 billion US dollars in 144 countries, saving an estimated 4.9 million lives.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria:

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/>

Friends of the Global Fund, Japan:

<http://www.jcie.or.jp/fgfj/>

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) established by the United Nations

MDGs are a common framework created by integrating the Millennium Declaration adopted at the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000 with international development goals adopted at international conferences and summits during the 1990s. The MDGs consist of the following eight goals to be reached by 2015:

1. Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development

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