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Invitation to JIIA Webinar

The Significance of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Today's World from a SDGs Viewpoint and the Role of the United Nations

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), the United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA), with the support of the Japan Business Federation (Keidanren), will co-host an open webinar “The Significance of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Today's World from a SDGs Viewpoint and the Role of the United Nations”.

This year will mark the 60th anniversary of Japan's universal health insurance system. Seeking to address the global issue of strengthening the world's health systems based on its own experiences, Japan led the initiative to incorporate UHC into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015. The process by which UHC became an agenda item for the entire international community offers an excellent example of the synergistic effects produced when the UN's functions and Japan's efforts are combined.

In this webinar, experts will discuss UHC, the significance of which has garnered renewed attention during the coronavirus pandemic, from various perspectives such as SDGs, the UN's role, and Japan's health diplomacy initiatives.

1. **Date/Time:** April 13 (Tue), 2021, 3:30 - 5:00pm (JST)

2. **Registration:** Please register from the link below.
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mh_CLyOaQUa3A-n_gs82Aw

3. **Program:**
 - (1) Opening remark **Kenichiro Sasae**, President, JIIA
 - (2) Video message **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - (3) Keynote speech **Keizo Takemi**, Member of the House of Councillors/
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for UHC
 - (4) Panel discussion **Moderator Tomiko Ichikawa**, Director-General, JIIA
Panelists
Keiichi Ono, Director-General/Ambassador for Global Issues, MOFA
Akihiro Seita, Director of Health Programme, UNRWA
Joji Nakayama, Chairman of Keidanren Committee on Corporate Behavior and SDGs, and Senior Advisor of Daiichi Sankyo
Commenters
Keizo Takemi, Member of the House of Councillors
WHO Goodwill Ambassador for UHC
Nobuko Kayashima, Senior Vice President, JICA
Frank Okyere, Ambassador to Japan, The Republic of Ghana

4. **Language:** Japanese (Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation available)

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