Innovation in Africa; A side event of TICAD Ministerial Meeting

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This event was a panel discussion with five speakers. The speakers each discussed African Innovation from their own unique perspective. Key wards; education for youth, the importance of the power system, language, African risky, tax incentive and AI.

- 1, Stable pawer supply is indeed important to access to the network and keep education going without breaks.

 It means that promotion of education and innovation is not possible without a stable power supply. We should collaborate more to advance technologies such as solar pawer generation.
- 2, The debate about whether to conduct education in one's native language or in English, among other languages, is also interesting. It is a difficult question, but one point is that using multiple languages leads to innovation.
- 3, We must change the stereotype that Africa is risky. It's important to correctly assess risks.
- 4, Mr. Sugihara introduced the example of Kamikatsu Town as a success story through the introduction of ICT(情報通信技術). And tax incentives are also important for increasing successful cases like Kamikatsu Town.

I have come to realize once again that in the coming era, the stability of power supply will have a big impact on education and innovation. Geopolitically, Africa is likely well-suited for solar power generation. I think it would be ideal to build more beneficial partnership with each other rather than relying on aid.

すぎはらさんが上勝町の「葉っぱビジネス」が紹介されたときはちょっと驚きました。やはり良い事例なのですね。Tax incentives の話も、この文脈でされていたような気がするのですが、間違えているかもしれません。すぎはらさんの英語が一番早口でした(笑)。