



# EDU-Port Symposium



## Further Development of Japanese-style Education in Africa

2025  
March 4

TUE

Free of Charge

(JST)  
14:00-17:30

Place

Participation: In person or Online  
(Venue) **Zenkokutoshikaikan Building**  
(2-4-2 Hirakawa-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)  
<https://www.toshikaikan.or.jp/access/>  
(Online) **Zoom Webinar**

Organized by

Ministry of Education, Culture,  
Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT)

Languages

Japanese with English simultaneous translation

This year's EDU-Port Symposium will focus on initiatives in Africa, as the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) will be held in Japan in August 2025. To contribute to further implementation of Japanese-style Education in Africa, implementing organizations of EDU-Port Japan adapted-projects and other stakeholders will report on the status of the initiatives in Egypt and other African countries, and discuss the role that EDU-Port Japan can play, and also expectation for future cooperation.

### Program

13:30 Registration

14:00 Opening remarks: Introduction of EDU-Port Japan initiatives in Africa

Director, International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat MEXT, KITAYAMA Koji

Session 1: Implementation of Japanese-style Education in Egypt

14:15 "Introduction of holistic education (Japanese-Style Education) in Egypt" Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) IWASAKI Rie

14:25 "Inquiry-based mathematics education project in Egypt" CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD. KUMADA Taro

14:35 "Introduction of Japanese-style music education in primary education in Egypt" Yamaha Corporation NARITA Yuki

14:45 "Verifying the results of academic ability development and non-cognitive skills development through digital arithmetic learning and teacher training" SuRaLa Net Co.,Ltd. FUJIHIRA Tomoko

14:55 "Improve the quality of vocational (Monozukuri or manufacturing) education in Egypt and Japan and promote mutual understanding" Osaka Prefectural Jyoto Technology High School TANABE Hitoshi

15:05 "Improving the Quality of Learning through Fukui-style Education: Collaborative Development Project between Japan and the African Region" University of Fukui YANAGISAWA Shoichi

15:15 "Egypt's Journey with Japanese-style Education" Embassy of Egypt in Tokyo Prof. Mahmoud M. Sakr

Session 2: Implementation of Japanese-style Education in other African countries

15:25 "Project contributing to improving the academic skills of orphaned children in support facilities in the Republic of Uganda" Kumon Institute of Education Co., Ltd. MIYOSHI Kentaro

15:35 "Education for International Understanding through collaborative learning for Well-Being" EDU-Mo Co., Ltd. KUMADA Moe

15:45 Break

15:55 Panel Discussion "Educational Cooperation with Africa: Roles of EDU-Port Japan" University of Tokyo SUZUKI Kan/  
University of Tokyo KITAMURA Yuto/ Others

16:55 Poster Session EDU-Port Japan-adapted Projects

17:30 Closing

## Speaker



### Prof. Mahmoud M. Sakr

Science and Culture Counsellor,  
Embassy of Egypt in Tokyo

He served as the Former President of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Former Executive Director of the Science, Technology, and Development Fund (STDF), Former Dean, Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, National Research Center, and Egypt Editor-in-Chief (EIC), Journal of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Elsevier. He also served as the Vice President of SESAME (Jordan), NAM (India), and Egypt's Plenipotentiary in the Joint Institute of Nuclear Research (JINR), Russia.



### SUZUKI Kan

Professor, University of Tokyo

After working at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and serving as associate professor at Keio University, he spent the following 12 years as a member of the House of Councilors. He served as the State Minister and the former Super Advisor to the MEXT. He currently serves as Teach for All Global board member, World Economic Forum Global Future Council member, Japan Football Association executive committee member, and representative executive director for NPO Renaissance of Japanese Education, etc.



### KITAMURA Yuto

Professor, University of Tokyo

He graduated from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and received Ph.D. in Education. His research areas include comparative education and international education development. He started his current position after working at UNESCO, Nagoya University, and Sophia University. He also serves as a member of the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education. His recent publications: "Education in the age of SDGs".



### IWASAKI Rie

Director, Basic Education  
Team2, Basic Education  
Group, Human Development  
Department, Japan  
International Cooperation  
Agency (JICA)

Since she joined JICA in 2003, she served in several positions including officer in charge of training at Osaka international training center, education program officer at Basic Education Group, JICA Senegal Office, JICA Democratic Republic of Congo Office, General Affairs Department, and Africa Department. Her area of interest is Development in Africa and Education cooperation.



### KUMADA Taro

General Manager, Strategic Planning  
Department, Educational Solution  
Division, CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.

He joined CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD. in 1995. After working at the European headquarters, he became in charge of strategic planning for global education business. Since 2019, he has been in his current position. Impressed by the fact that CASIO's scientific calculators are used in classes and exams at secondary schools in Western countries as if they were notebooks and pencils, and that problem-solving based learning is being put into practice, he is currently promoting the EDU-Port project in Thailand, Indonesia, Egypt, and Bangladesh with the aim of contributing to education in various countries.



### NARITA Yuki

Supervisor,  
Music Popularization Group,  
Asia-Pacific Sales Division,  
YAMAHA CORPORATION

She joined Yamaha Corporation in 2019. After being engaged in the marketing of wind, string and percussion instruments to domestic music instruments wholesalers, she assumed her current post in April 2023, and is involved in projects to promote the playing of musical instruments in emerging countries. She is working on projects in Egypt, producing teaching materials and support training music teachers of Egypt-Japan School (EJS).



### FUJIHIRA Tomoko

Executive Officer, SuRaLa Net  
Co.,Ltd.

After working for a consulting company developing franchise business, she joined SuRaLa Net Co.,Ltd. in 2012. She engaged with the business expansion into Sri Lanka and Indonesia through JICA Projects from 2014 to 2017 with launch of math e-learning program "Surala Ninja!". Subsequently she expanded the service to India, the Philippines, Egypt, and other countries. In 2022-2023, she participated in the MENGEJAR large-scale demonstration project for public secondary school students in Indonesia, providing digital learning to approximately 10,000 students.



### TANABE Hitoshi

Teacher, Osaka Prefectural  
Jyoto Technology High School

He graduated with a major in electronic engineering from the Graduate School of the Osaka Institute of Technology. He is engaged in teaching to support students in the acquisition of basic electrical knowledge and practical skills, that fuses together theory and practice so that students can utilize their skills and play an active role in society. Currently, he is the driving force for technology education exchanges with El Arabi High School in Egypt to cultivate students' international perspectives while deepening cross-cultural understanding. Through these activities, he is contributing to training the next generation of technical experts and producing global human resources.



### YANAGISAWA Shoichi

Professor for Teacher Education,  
United Graduate School of  
Professional Development of  
Teachers, University of Fukui

From 2014 to 2023, he served as Dean of the University of Fukui Graduate School of the Department of Professional Development of Teachers. His fields of practical research include social education, learning processes, and organizational learning. Since 2019 through the Egypt-Japan Education Partnership, he has engaged in professional development and learning of teachers for Egypt-Japan School (EJS).



### MIYOSHI Kentaro

Corporate Strategy Planning and Promotion  
Division Senior Vice President, Licensing  
Operations Promotion Department Vice  
President, Kumon Institute of Education Co., Ltd.

He joined Kumon Institute of Education Co., Ltd. in 1992. He has acquired a lot of experience in managing Learning center business in Kagoshima and Kagawa prefectures in Japan. He has also worked as a member of the head office staff in the Information Management Division, the PR Division, and the New Business Division. This is the fourth time that he has set up a new division within the company. From July 2021, he became responsible for new business development for licensing operations. He has also served as Senior Vice President for the Corporate Strategy Planning and Promotion Division since July 2024.



### KUMADA Moe

CEO, EDU-Mo Co., Ltd.

She has been engaged in English language and Japanese language education for approximately 20 years. She launched her own business in 2022 after a varied career working at junior high schools, universities, and vocational schools. Based in Fukushima Prefecture, her hometown, she is working to promote English language education and international understanding for Japanese people, and providing Japanese language training and corporate training for foreigners. Her company is currently providing Japanese language education to learners from 12 countries across the world, including in Japan, and is also working with local schools and cram schools to focus on collaborative learning of the Japanese-style of education.

## Participation application/contact information

Please register through the following URL.

<https://forms.gle/EsalCUB9XiBU26Fx9>

Deadline

March 3 (Mon.) 2025, noon (JST)

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