

2006年 3月 9日 17時00分

理事長室
リジ チョウシツ

UN1983

No. 0282 P. 1

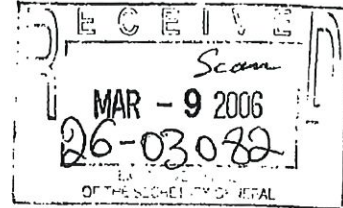


Japan International Cooperation Agency

President

Mr. Kofi A. Annan,
The Secretary-General
The United Nations

VIP
Genocide



9 March, 2006

Kofi

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 February, inviting me to participate as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Genocide. Having had direct exposure to the Rwanda genocide as well as other genocidal situations in the course of my ten years as UN High Commissioner for Refugees, I am fully aware of the importance of addressing this issue, particularly on how best to prevent the recurrence of genocide.

Upon reviewing your invitation, I informally consulted Dr. David Hamburg for whom I have the greatest respect and with whom I had close working relations during my UN time. Although I have serious problem of time constraint, Dr. Hamburg assures me that he will do everything possible to accommodate my difficulties. In fact, he has persuaded me to accept your invitation and I have agreed to take up the challenge you request.

The immediate problem I face is to find enough time to attend this important task. The Japanese Government has just decided to revamp its ODA policy making and implementation structure. JICA has been given the responsibility to implement the entire ODA program covering technical assistance, grant aid and loan. It is indeed an ambitious task, and I shall have to do my best to live up to all these challenge.

I am indeed grateful for your trust. Let me also express my best wishes for the enormous reform progress you are enfoldng for the UN.

Looking forward to seeing you in the not too far distant future.

Yours sincerely,

With best personal wishes

Sadako OGATA

1-1, Yoyogi 2chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, 151-8558 Japan

RECEIVED TIME MAR. 9. 3:04AM