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## Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Laureates Will Speak at UNU

**Event:** Commemorative Lectures of the Inaugural Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Laureates  
**Date/Time:** 29 May 2008 (Thursday), 10:00AM–Noon  
**Venue:** United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo  
**Organizer:** Cabinet Office, Government of Japan  
**Co-organizers:** Science Council of Japan (SCJ) and United Nations University (UNU)  
**In Association with:** Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Japan Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare

- The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize was established by the Government of Japan to honour individuals who have made outstanding achievements in combating infectious diseases in Africa or in establishing innovative medical services.
- The inaugural Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize laureates are Dr. Brian Greenwood of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Prof. Miriam K. Were of Kenya's National AIDS Control Council.
- The prize laureates will be awarded a citation, a medal and ¥100 million honorarium at an award ceremony on 28 May within the fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV). They will deliver the inaugural Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Commemorative Lectures on 29 May at United Nations University in Tokyo.
- Dr. Greenwood will speak on the topic "Malaria Elimination: Is It Possible?", while Prof. Were will discuss "The Potential for Improvement in Africa's Health".
- Simultaneous English–Japanese translation will be provided.

For more information, see <http://www.cao.go.jp/noguchisho/index-e.html>.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend these lectures. Please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel.: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)) to confirm your attendance.

### About the speakers

- Dr. Brian Greenwood is Manson Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He has spent more than 30 years on-site in Africa, including 15 years as Director of the MRC Laboratories in Gambia where he pioneered landmark research contributing to an understanding of the immunology, pathogenesis and epidemiology of malaria and other infectious diseases.
- Prof. Miriam K. Were is Chairperson of Kenya's National AIDS Control Council. For the past 40 years, she has dedicated her life to advancing human health and welfare through a focus on the practicalities of delivering service at a local level. Her efforts to unite communities to develop and implement innovative solutions to pervasive health problems have had enduring impacts throughout the African continent.

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