

Africa is not a distant world, but a partner in shaping our shared future.

The Africa Rikai Project offers opportunities to encounter the diverse values, forms of expression, and ways of life found across Africa. Our aim is to foster dialogue, learn from one another, and co-create a better future.

We value dialogue that begins with each person's questions and curiosity, and we believe learning that starts from the simple act of "wanting to know."



YOUR SUPPORT BUILDS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Africa Rikai Project is an NGO founded by former Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers. Since returning from Africa, we have continued listening to local voices and promote mutual understanding through our on-the-ground activities. Our staff members contribute their expertise as volunteers to the organization. Together, we run independent projects without depending on grants, focusing on publishing, education, cultural exchange, and support for African producers and artisans.

Your donation helps us empower people, expand learning opportunities, and build long-term partnerships in Africa.

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Bringing the World Closer through Understanding

Thinking Together
 Acting Together
 from
2003

OUR JOURNEY

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| 2003 Found the Africa Rikai Project | 2012 Published "Coffee Story," an educational resource |
| 2004 Published "Stories We See, Things We Learn"
Start of Osharena Africa Series | 2013 Co-hosted the "African Kitchen Exhibition" with JICA at TICAD |
| 2005 Started education activities in Ethiopia using proceeds from book sales | 2014 Published "African Recipes" |
| 2006 Started "Poem and Essay Contest"
Published "African Kitchen" in Ethiopia | 2019 Published "Coffee Story (revised version)"
Held online seminars during COVID-19 pandemic to support African artisans |
| 2007 Built a classroom through Japan's grassroot grant program | 2020 Held online Coffee Seminar (6 sessions) |
| 2008 Built an Environmental Education Center with funds from the Nomura Family; dispatched a JICA Volunteer; participated in TICAD 6 in Yokohama | 2021 Started the "Proposal-based Support Program"
Supported the production of "Africa Cards" |
| 2009 Published "Ethiopian Coffee Story"
Started "Coffee Seminar" | 2024 Published "African Artists and Artisans" |
| 2010 Started the "Small Business Support Program"
Published "The Legend Of Ethiopian Coffee" | 2025 Participated in TICAD10-related environmental event organized by the City of Yokohama
Participated in TICAD • NGO Network |
| | 2026 Participated in an event commemorating the 60th anniversary of JICA's Volunteer Program |



Beyond a Single Story of Africa
AFRICA RIKAI PROJECT

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 Rikai means Understanding



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Understanding Connects Us and Brings the World Closer Together

Six Ways We Connect People with Africa and the World

Through culture, everyday life, education, food, and art, we create opportunities for people to experience the world and connect with others.



Publishing

We share content for deeper understanding, including books, videos, magazines, and web articles.



Education

We support the next generation through lectures, educational programs, and project planning.



Online Learning

We connect people with Africa through online seminars, making it possible to participate from anywhere in Japan.



Events

We offer enjoyable opportunities for people to experience Africa firsthand.



Partnership

We build connections with people in Africa and partners in Japan and abroad to create a shared future.



Supporting Producers

By collaborating with local artists and artisans, we expand the possibilities for creative expression and work toward improving livelihoods.



What we value

Starting by learning

Recognizing differences and learning together

Connecting to shape the future

Building sustainable relationships

Together, we can build a better future

We believe that understanding the world begins by bringing it closer. It starts with learning together, connecting with others, and creating a more peaceful and just society.



Stories that Bring Africa Closer

Through our books, we share the richness of life in African - its people, knowledge, and places - with readers in Japan and beyond. All of our publications are catalogued in the National Diet Library of Japan.



African Recipes (J)



A Story of How We Created Products Together with African Artists & Artisans (J)



Coffee Story (J)



The Legend of Ethiopian Coffee (J)



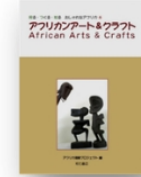
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African Kitchen (J)



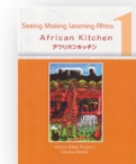
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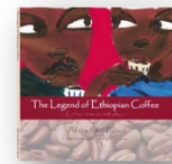
African Art & Craft (J)



Africa Cards (J)



African Kitchen (E)



The Legend of Ethiopian coffee (E)



African Stories (E)

(J) in Japanese, (E) in English

Sharing African Stories with Readers for More Than 24 Years

We share the stories we have heard and the experiences we have gained through our work on the ground. For over 24 years, our books have introduced the many sides of Africa - not just a single story

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