

## **UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador Hands over Japanese Citizens' Donations, Expressing their Support for Women's Health, Rights**

**TOKYO, Japan, May 2006** — UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador in Japan, Yuko Arimori, has handed a contribution of more than \$50,000 to UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. She handed the amount, collected from about 5,000 Japanese citizens, to UNFPA's Executive Director, Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, during the latter's recent mission to Japan.

The amount was raised through an initiative of the Goodwill Ambassador, who received the funds from her compatriots who had expressed a desire to support the safer motherhood and other UNFPA programmes for reproductive health, HIV/AIDS prevention and the promotion of women basic human rights.

Ms. Arimori has gone on missions to Cambodia, Thailand, India, Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia to observe projects supported by UNFPA, render support to the clients of the services and serve as a bridge between them and members of the Japanese public. The missions equip her as a better advocate for UNFPA at subsequent appearances in Japanese media, lectures and other public awareness campaigns or events.

Ms. Arimori, a medallist at the Atlanta and Barcelona Olympics, was named UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador in 2002.



UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador, Yuko Arimori, hands cheque to Ms. Obaid.  
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