

Hello. My name is MIYAVI. I am the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. I am sending this message on the UHC Day, which is to commemorate the United Nations resolution calling for all nations to provide everyone the same quality of health care anywhere in the world, as I have received a request from the passionate members of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations Japan.

As a rock star and as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNHCR, I have visited refugee camps in Lebanon, Thailand, Bangladesh and Kenya, where people who have been chased out of their homes are forced to live hard lives in countries they don't know anything about. I have witnessed people who have no access to health care, along with clothing, food, shelter and lifelines. They have no access to health care when they get sick, have a cold or a fever, or when they get injured. They don't have the money to go to the hospital even if they want to, or there is not even a single hospital.

I, myself, was born and raised in Japan and moved to the United States. But even I live in a developed country like the United States, for example, there are elderly people and children who cannot receive hospital treatment because the cost of medical treatment is very high. This is a problem happening not only where refugees live, but also all over the world. We get these benefits and take them for granted in Japan, but I think there are so many things that we can transmit to the world by knowing more.

Take this UHC Day as an opportunity, I hope more people will be interested in this campaign that spreads the system in which people can receive the same quality of health care anywhere in the world. Please check if you are interested and join us. Thank you.