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(POLITICAL) KENYA WILL HOST THE NEXT TICAD MEETING IN 2016

On 21st of August, it was officially announced that Kenya would host the next TICAD summit meeting in 2016. TICAD summit meeting has been held once in every five years in Japan since its launch in 1993. However, in response to the request from African countries to make TICAD three-year cycle with hosting country to alternate between Japan and Africa, co-organizers have decided to hold the next TICAD summit meeting in Africa. Kenya will be the first African country to host TICAD.



TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development)

TICAD is an open, multilateral and international forum to discuss the future development of Africa, which was initiated by Japan in 1993. It is currently co-organized by Japan, the World Bank, UNDP and the African Union Commission. More than 4,500 participants including 39 heads of state from Africa participated in the last TICAD summit meeting in Yokohama in June, 2013.



(ECONOMICS) JAPANESE BUSINESS DELAGATION IN KENYA

On 20th of August 2015, H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta hosted the business round table with the participations of CEOs and executive officers of more than 20 Japanese companies at the State House. Japanese companies directly expressed their keen interest to expand their businesses in Kenya. H.E. Hon. Kenyatta expressed his appreciation to the participants, who came all the way from Japan for the round table and encouraged for more investment to Kenya.



(POLITICAL) KENYA'S FIRST LADY IN JAPAN

In August 2015, H.E. First Lady Margaret Kenyatta visited Tokyo participate in WAW! 2015 (World Assembly for Women). This symposium was initiated by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as part of the effort to realize a society where women shine both in Japan and the world. During her visit to Japan, H.E. Margaret Kenyatta visited Aiku Hospital, and had various meetings with high profiles including Akie Abe, Spouse of Japanese Prime Minister, JICA President Akihiko Tanaka, ASICS (major Japanese athletic equipment company) President & CEO Motoi Oyamama. On the final day of her tour, H.E. First Lady extended her training around the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and launched the 3rd edition of the First Lady's Half Marathon 2016.



(POLITICAL) JAPAN MARKS ITS FIRST EVER SELF DEFENCE FORCES DAY



On the 8th of July 2015, The first Japan Self Defence Forces Day Reception in Kenya was held at the Ambassador's residence.

Key personalities present at the function were, His Excellency Ambassador Tatsushi Terada, Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya; Rear Admiral Hiroshi Ito, Commander of Combined Task Force 151, Counter Piracy Mission; Commander Tomohiro Tomimatsu, Japanese Defense Attaché; Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Kenya; General Samson Mwathethe, Chief of Kenya Defence Forces.

The event marked Japan's further commitment to securing peace and stability not only in East Asia but across the world. The event was also to recognise the decision by the Government of Japan to appoint the first ever Japanese Defence Attaché in Kenya, Commander Tomimatsu.



(ECONOMICS) SIGNING OF EXCHANGE NOTES FOR HEALTH POLICY LOAN

On the 17th of August 2015, His Excellency Tatsushi Terada, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, signed and exchanged notes with Mr. Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, for "Health Sector Policy Loan for Attainment of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as ODA loan assistance amounting to approximately Ksh. 2.9 billion. The ceremony was held in Nairobi.



(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Japan Celebrates Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

On the 30th of September 2015, two GGP Grant Contracts, were signed between the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada and representatives of various grantee organizations. The grant signing ceremony was held at the Embassy of Japan in Nairobi. The total amount of grant was USD 220,970, approximately 22.7 Million KSH.

1. (Education) US\$ 119,811 – Grantee Organization: Oasis Logistics Youth Group. *"The Project for the Improvement of Educational Environment for Primary Schools within the Tea Farm Areas of Nandi County"*

2. (Water supply) US\$ 101,159 - Grantee Organization: Initiative for Green Kenya. *"The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kalimani Earth Dam"* Kitui County



**(PICTORIAL)**

1. President Uhuru Kenyatta, Amb. Terada and Mitsui GM in front of the Mitsui-donated Kitengela stained glass during the opening of the New, Kenya Cultural Centre. 2. Margaret Kenyatta shaking hands with Prime minister Abe during the WAW forum in Japan (Photo courtesy of the office of the first lady's facebook page). 3. President Uhuru Kenyatta together with Mr. Jun Karube, Toyota Tsusho CEO during a meeting with the business delegation in Kenya 4. The Kenya Volleyball team paying the Ambassador a courtesy call. 5&6 Mbithe Nzomo and Lydia Wamuti sharing their moments on recent Japanese Government sponsored trips to Japan.



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(PEOPLE-PEOPLE EXCHANGE) 2015 MEXT Scholarships Courtesy Call

On 8th of September 2015, four students paid a courtesy call to the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya H.E Tatsushi Terada. Three of the students will be undertaking their Masters degrees, while the other two will be heading for a Teacher Training program. Both programs are fully sponsored under the Japanese Government Monbukagakusho (MEXT) scholarship. The Students leave for Japan end of this month.



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) The 1st Japanese Cultural Festival in Nakuru

On the 12th of September 2015, The Japanese Cultural Festival in Nakuru was held at the Old Town Hall (Nakuru Social Hall). The Cultural Festival was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya and Mr. Francis G. Mathea, County Executive, Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Social Services, Nakuru County. The main event of the Nakuru Cultural festival was a Japanese Singing Competition. Various booths had also been set up in order for the audience to experience different aspects of the Japanese culture. The booths included a shodo (Japanese calligraphy) booth, kimono wearing booth, a traditional Japanese games booth, an origami (paper folding) booth and a Japanese green tea tasting booth.



(PEOPLE-PEOPLE EXCHANGE) THE 5TH KEJAA AGM

On 29th of August 2015, the 5th Kenya-Japan Alumni Association Annual General Meeting was held. Participants of the AGM comprised members from the four alumni associations that make up KEJAA, officials from the Embassy of Japan in Kenya and representatives from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) were in attendance. In total, the 2015 KEJAA AGM was attended by 60 people.



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