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Japan Kenya Foreign Ministerial Meeting



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On the 25th of August 2017, the Tokyo International Conference in African Development (TICAD) Ministerial meeting was held at Maputo, Mozambique. The meeting was attended by Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, from the Japanese Government. Ambassador Amina C. Mohamed Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who was leading the Kenyan Delegation, also attended to the same meeting. Ambassador Amina had a Foreign Ministerial (bilateral) meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Kono.

The Foreign Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the long-standing cordial and friendly bilateral relations existing between the two countries and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen these relations.

The Ministerial meeting in Maputo saw a significant number of Foreign Ministers and other Ministers of the countries in the African continent in attendance.



H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya Reaches the Peak of Mount Kenya, Kenya's Symbol of Pride and Joy



“Gazing on that unforgettable scene from the summit, I realized that Kenya’s tourism resources are not only means of enhancing the GDP, but are also a global treasure. From that height, it was dazzlingly clear to me that Kenya has great potential and that this beauty is a source of vitality to all Kenyan people. And that I had to share this fantastic experience and the beauty of Kenya with people all over the world, through our homepage of the Embassy of Japan in Kenya, and on Facebook.” **H.E. Ambassador T. Uesawa**



Japanese Athlete Dai Tamesue in Kenya for the Japan Brand Program



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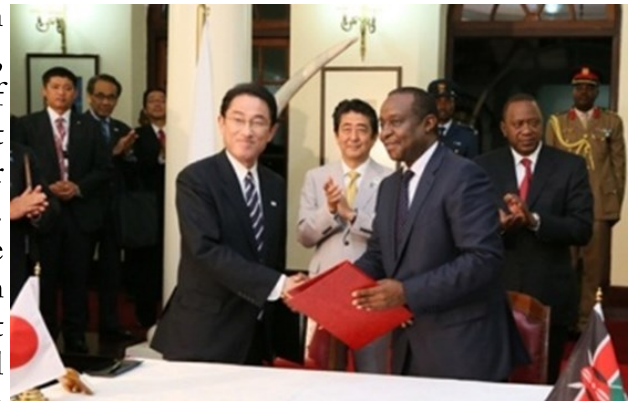
From 11th to 12th of July 2017, Dai Tamesue, Representative Director of Samurai Co., Ltd visited Kenya and gave lectures and workshops. Tamesue is the first Japanese sprinter who won a medal in a track event at a World Competition and current Japanese record holder for Men's 400 meter hurdle.

As part of his visit, Mr. Tamesue paid a courtesy call to the then Chairman of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK), Mr. Kipchoge Keino. They discussed about sport cultural cooperation between Japan and Kenya and exchanged views on the experiences of athletes in Kenya.



Japan Kenya Investment Agreement

On the 14th of September 2017, an agreement, for the Promotion and Protection of Investment, between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Kenya was entered into force. The agreement was signed in August 2016 by Mr. Fumio Kishida, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and Mr. Henry K. Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury of the Republic of Kenya, in Nairobi, Kenya, during the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI). This agreement aims at improving the legal stability with respect to the investment, and is expected to bolster economic relations between the two countries.



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Africa Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC)



On the 24th of July 2017, Japan dispatched 17 personnel from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force to the fourth African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC) training, implemented by the UN Department of Field Support.

The training, which took place in Kenya from July 24th to September 15th, aimed to strengthen the engineering capability of the Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi and Uganda Defense Forces on the operation of heavy equipment.



Japan Celebrates Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

Between July and September 2017, one grant signing ceremony took place and three GGP projects were handed over:



Handing over ceremony

The Project for the Construction of Agriculture and Fishery Processing Factory for the Community Empowerment within the Marenga fishing village, Busia County. Grant Amount of USD 81,629. (Date: 20 July 2017)



Grant signing ceremony

The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Essumba Primary School, Essumba, Vihiga County. Grant Amount of USD 82,980. (Date: 04 August 2017)



Handing over ceremony

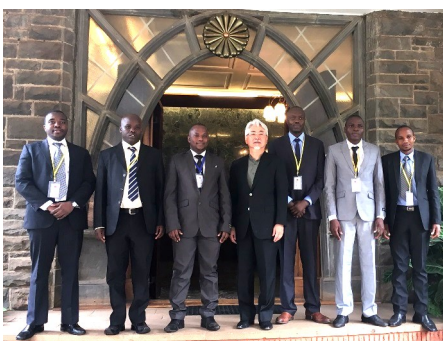
The Project for the Expansion of Ptar-kong Primary School, Batei, West Pokot County. Grant Amount of USD 143,002. (Date: 18 July 2017)



Handing over ceremony

The Project for the Improvement of Educational Environment at Bondo Township Primary School, Mbita, Homabay County. Grant Amount of USD 91,776. (Date: 12 July 2017)

2017 MEXT Scholarship Orientation



On the 13th of September 2017, the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa hosted the Japanese

Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients, who had paid a courtesy call to him at his residence.

The six 2017 Kenyan scholars, selected on merit, left for Japan in September.

ABE Initiative Send Off Ceremony for African Youth Scholars

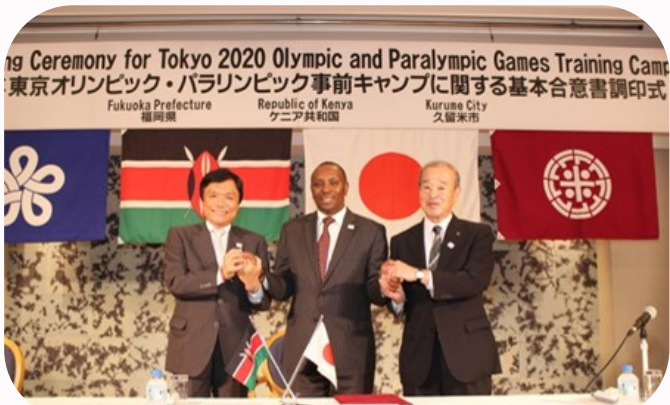


On the 22nd of August 2017, 23 candidates from Eritrea, Kenya, Seychelles and Somalia gathered in Nairobi for the ABE Initiative joint send-off

ceremony. ABE Initiative offers opportunities to young Africans to study Master's courses and experience internships in Japan in order to develop effective skills and knowledge in towards contributing to the development of industries in Africa.



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On the 23rd of August 2017, Kenya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to secure pre-games training camp for Kenya's Olympic and Paralympic team ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Kurume City and Fukuoka Prefecture will provide training fields, facilities and economic contributions to Team Kenya to acclimatize in their preparation for the games. Kurume City is located in Fukuoka Prefecture.



From 15th to 17th of September 2017, the Embassy of Japan in Kenya hosted an International Seminar by the Zurich based Aikido Ikeda Dojo Association from Switzerland, who was in Kenya to support Kenya's Nairobi Aikikai. The main Sensei (instructor) at the seminar was Andreas Schriber, 5th Dan Aikikai Tokyo and Co-Founder Aikido Ikeda Dojo Association. In attendance were Aikidokas from Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Japan, Switzerland and Germany.



On the 16th of September 2017, members of Staff from the Embassy of Japan participated in the Japanese *Fureai* Festival, which was held at the Japanese School in Nairobi. The team from the Embassy engaged the attendees in some fun activities during the festival.

Fureai is the formation of a connection between people of different groups within a community.



On the 18th of September 2017, JICC Director, Mr. Seiji Tashiro, accompanied by JICC staff went to Brookhouse School on a Public Relations visit to promote Japan. During this visit, he paid a courtesy call to Mr. Milafu Otieno, the Head of Careers Guidance and Counselling at Brookhouse School and discussed how to increase the interest of their students in pursuing higher education in Japan.

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