

Japan to sustain aid to Kenya

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JAPAN has said it will continue funding Kenya's infrastructure development among them roads, port expansion and energy projects, to improve living standards.

Speaking during a tour of the Nairobi Western ring road (a Sh2.7 billion Japanese grant project), Japan International Cooperation Agency chief advisor Hiroshi Tsujino said his government will offer both technical and financial support to Kenya.

"We are keen on projects in the country, some are complete and others are in the pipeline," said Tsujino.

Among recent key projects by the Japanese government include the Western ring road project, Mombasa port expansion and the Olkaria geothermal power plants 1, 4 and 5.

The Western ring road project completed in December 2013 has seen connections in Kileleshwa, Lavington and Kilimani, reducing traffic along Ngong Road, James Gichuru Road, Waiyaki Way and the Central Business District.

"We are working with Kenyan authorities to bring in technology that will help address challenges faced in the infrastructure sector especially maintenance of the roads" Tsujino said.

JICA representative in-charge of infrastructure Kenji Yokota said the Japanese government is keen on taking up more projects in the country.

"We will be doing a feasibility study of a viaduct to connect Enterprise Road to the CBD passing over the railway station, the Mombasa port second container terminal, Dongo Kundu bypass, a feasibility study of Likoni bridge and many more to come," said

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