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(GENERAL AFFAIRS) TICAD VI CONFERENCE DATES ANNOUNCED

On the 31st of January 2016,

Hon. Mr. Katsuyuki Kawai, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, and H.E. Hon Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Republic of Kenya, visited Ethiopia to attend the 26th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union. Special Advisor Kawai and President Kenyatta together with H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, held a press conference at the AU headquarters, during which it was announced that the dates of the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) in Nairobi to be from 27 to 28 August, 2016.



Credits: Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia

Mr. Kawai also delivered the expectation of H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, to make the first TICAD in Africa a resounding success, to walk side-by-side with Africa and to continue to develop with Africa.



(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) EXCHANGE NOTES & LOAN AGREEMENT FOR OLKARIA V GEOTHERMAL POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



On the 9th of March 2016, the

Ambassador of Japan to Kenya H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada and the Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury Mr. Henry Rotich signed and exchanged notes for an amount of 45.690 billion Japanese Yen (approx. 40 billion Kenyan Shillings) for the Olkaria V Geothermal Power Development Project.

The Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Hon. Charles Keter, was there to witness the occasion.

This loan, which is Japan's biggest loan to Kenya, is the second to be financed by the Japanese Government towards the Olkaria Geothermal Power plant. The first project financed, Olkaria 1 Unit 4&5 Geothermal Power Plant, was commissioned in February 2015.

Memorial Photo

(from left side, Ms. Sano (CP, JICA Kenya Office), Amb. Terada, Mr. Rotich (CS for the National Treasury), Hon. Keter (CS for the Energy and Petroleum), Dr. Mugo (MD and CEO, KenGen), Dr. Thugge (PS for the National Treasury))



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

Between January and March 2016, four GGP projects started their construction and five GGP projects were handed over.

List of GGP Projects Handing Over

- The Project for the Expansion of Ramula Community Dispensary. Grant amount: US\$ 92,367 (Date: 7th January)
- The Project for the Expansion of Mbuluni Primary School. Grant amount: US\$ 83,351 (Date: 3rd January)
- The Project For the Youth Empowerment Through the Establishment of Greenhouse in Misuuni Area. Grant amount: US\$ 80,569 (Date: 3rd February)
- The Project for the Expansion of St. Bakita Nagis Primary School. Grant amount: US\$ 88,361 (Date: 5th February)
- The Project for the Renovation of a Maternity Ward at Kiptulwa Dispensary. Grant amount: US\$ 86,923 (Date: 24th March)

Ground Breaking

- The Project for the Expansion of Mangoto Primary School. Grant amount: US\$ 84,745 (Date: 21st January)
- The Project for the Construction of Malindi Community Health Care Centre. Grant amount: US\$ 90,906 (Date: 25th February)
- The Project for the Construction of Agriculture and Fishery Processing Factory for the Community Empowerment within the Marenga fishing village. Grant amount: US\$ 81,629 (Date: 11th March)
- The Project for the Construction of Agriculture and Fishery Processing Factory for the Community Empowerment within the Marenga fishing village. Grant amount: US\$ 72,487 (Date: 18th March)



(PUBLIC RELATIONS) SYMPOSIUM ON CAPACITY BUILDING IN SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA



On the 24th of March 2016, the Symposium on Capacity building in sustainable resource development in Africa was held at the Embassy of Japan in Kenya's premises in Nairobi. This occasion was graced by the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Mining, Hon. Dan Kazungu and the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Kenya Mr. Mikiyo Mori. On March 2014, a program called "KIZUNA" project which aims to develop sustainable mining development in Africa was launched, and 7 Japanese Universities, including Akita University, where courses of mining are now on their curriculum are now accepting a number of African students. During this symposium, Akita University and the other African universities represented

shared their experiences in the "KIZUNA" project and their cooperation.

This event was organized by Japan Information & Culture Centre (JICC) of the Embassy of Japan, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) & Akita University.

BULLETIN BRIEFS

ANYANGO IN KENYA



H.E. Ambassador Terada with Anyango (born Eriko Mukoyama) at his residence where they exchanged ideas for the upcoming TICAD VI to be held in Nairobi in August. Anyango will release her first album 'Anyango-Safari of Eriko Mukoyama' in Kenya this year.

Accompanying Anyango; Mr. Kazuo Munakata, Consultant; Mr. Tabu Osusa, Ketebul Music and Mr. Maurice Okoth, MCSK.

JAPAN-KENYA POLICY WORKSHOP



On the 4th of March 2016, the first pre-event of TICAD VI, a policy workshop was held at the Embassy of Japan. The workshop consisted of a public lecture delivered by Mr. Koenuma Akihito, General Manager at Marubeni Corporation, Abidjan Office; and a panel discussion. The panelists for this discussion were Mr. Polycarp Igathe, Managing Director, Vivo Energy Kenya; Mr. Kennedy Manyala, Chief Operating Officer, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA); Prof. Wainaina Cituro, Acting Director General, Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat; and Mr. Mikio Mori, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan. As a moderator, Prof. Peter Kagwanja, Chief Executive, Africa Policy Institute, participated in the discussion. The policy workshop was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada, Ambassador of Japan in Kenya and Ambassador Ben Ogut, Director General of the TICAD VI Secretariat within the Government of Kenya.



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) The 9th Japanese Language Speech Contest

On the 12th of March

2016, JICC held the 9th Japanese Language Speech Contest. The contest was organized by JICC, the Japan Foundation (JF) and the Japanese Language Teachers Association of Kenya (JALTAK). Sponsors of the contest included Marubeni Corporation (general trading company), Toyota Kenya Ltd (sole distributor of Toyota cars), H.I.S Kenya Ltd. (travel agency), Panafricamed Ltd (Valdivia), Rohto Mentholatum (Kenya) Ltd (healthcare), Mitsui and Co. Ltd (general trading company), Toridoll Kenya Ltd (Teriyaki Japan) and Excia East Africa Ltd (second hand vehicles dealer).



The contest was officially opened by the Embassy of Japan's, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Mikio Mori and Amb. Dennis Awori, Chairman of KEPSA and a former Ambassador of Kenya to Japan. This year, the winner of Japanese speech contest was Ms. Ruth Gathoni Mwaniki, a former student at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT).



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) Aikido Workshop

On the 20th of February

2016, two aikido experts, Master Takeshi Kanazawa and Instructor Masaya Tokuda from Aikikai Foundation in Japan, whose visit to Kenya was sponsored by the Japan Foundation, held the first ever Aikido Demonstration and Workshop in Kenya at JICC. Aikido is one of the Japanese martial arts. This event is a part of Sports for Tomorrow program, a program initiated by Japan towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.



(PEOPLE-PEOPLE EXCHANGE) MEXT Scholarship recipients to Japan

On the 7th & 8th of March

2016, JICC carried out an orientation of the recipients of the Monbukagakusho (MEXT) scholarship. The six recipients got the opportunity to pay a courtesy call to the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada. The students left for Japan on the 2nd & 3rd April to pursue the Masters and Phd degrees.



(PUBLIC RELATIONS) Nyeri County School Caravan



On the 22nd & 23rd of January 2016,

JICC staff visited Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Karatina University and Ichuga Girls Secondary to introduce Japan and the Japanese Government scholarship program. The students learnt Japan and Japan-Kenya relations through watching DVD 'Japan Encyclopedia' and participating in the 'Japan quiz'. A Lecturer who studied in Japan under the exchange program between Okayama University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) also participated in the event and shared his experience in Japan.

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