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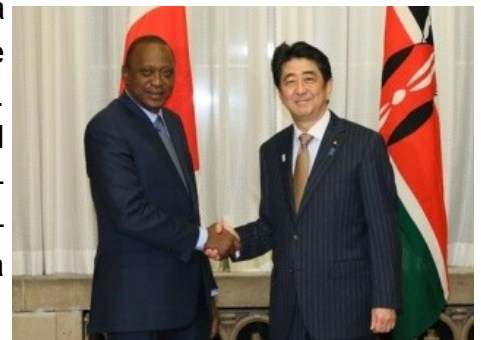
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## (POLITICAL) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe Holds a Working Dinner with H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of Kenya

On 13th of March, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a working dinner with H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, during his first visit to Japan as the President. The two Premiers discussed the next TICAD summit meeting and also shared the view that the two countries will strengthen cooperation on UN Security Council reform. They also agreed on further strengthening the relationship between the two countries in a variety of fields, including the fight against terrorism.



(Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



## (ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Signing Ceremony for the Mombasa Port Development Project



On 16th of January, 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 "The Mombasa Port Development Project Phase2" as Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) loan assistance amounting to approximately Ksh. 24.729 billion. This is the biggest loan project the Japanese Government has extended to the Republic of Kenya.



## (CULTURAL AFFAIRS) The Dolls of Japan

From 5th to 25th of February, the Dolls of Japan Exhibition was held at the Nairobi National Museum of Kenya. During the period, more than 2,000 people visited and enjoyed 70 Japanese representative dolls. In Japan, dolls have been part of everyday life since ancient times. Japanese dolls reflect the customs of Japan and the aspirations of its people possess distinctive regional attributes and over the centuries have developed in many diverse forms.





## (Economic Cooperation) Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology 20th Anniversary Celebrations



**On 27th of March**, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta and Japanese Ambassador to Kenya Mr. Tatsushi Terada attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of JKUAT. Japan has supported JKUAT (previously JKCAT) since 1978. Others present at the celebration included Vice President of JICA Ms. Kae Yanagisawa and Japanese experts who dedicatedly contributed to the development of JKUAT since the 1970s.



## (Economic Cooperation) Official Commissioning of the 140MW Olkaria I Geothermal Power plant

**On 19th of February 2015**, Olkaria I Units 4 & 5 Geothermal Power Plant was commissioned by H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda in the presence of Kenya's President H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. The plant, financed by a 29.5 billion yen (approx. 300 million USD) loan from Japan adds an additional 140MW to the national grid. The plant was constructed by a consortium of Toyota Tsusho Corporation (Japan) and Hyundai Engineering (South Korea), and the two turbines were supplied by Toshiba Corporation (Japan). Japan has a long history in the use of geothermal energy, and the steam turbines for geothermal power plants manufactured by Japanese companies have over 70% of the world's share.



## (Economic Cooperation) Signing of Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO projects

**From January to March**, 4 Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects mentioned below were signed at the Embassy of Japan. More than 30 development projects in Kenya implemented by Japanese NGO have been awarded this Grant Assistance since 2004.



A Cross Section of Health Workshop conducted by HANDS under the Grant Assistance

- HANDS : The Project for Community Health Improvement through Strengthening Health Care System in Kericho. Amount: USD 357,713 (Date: 27<sup>th</sup> January)
- ADRA Japan : Project for the improvement of WASH and stable supply of agriculture crops through the drilling deep boreholes in Mwingi Central District, Kitui County. Amount: USD 547,299 (Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February)
- JCCP : Community Safety Project for Women and Youth in Kiambu Informal Settlement, Nairobi (First Phase). Amount: USD 644,489 (Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February)
- CanDo : Project for Improving School Communities to Secure Children's Health and Safety in Masinga Sub-county. Amount: USD 282,386 (Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March)



## (ECONOMIC COOPERATION) JAPAN CELEBRATES GRASSROOTS HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP)

**From January to March**, 10 new GGP projects were signed, 5 GGP projects started their construction and 1 GGP project was handed over.



### GGP IN PICTURES

L to R: Ambassador Terada and Hon. Ezekiel Rono unveiling the plaque during handover ceremony of The project for the expansion of Olengoloto Primary School; The newly built Olengoloto Primary School; Ambassador Terada, Kisii Governor Ongwae and other officials at the roofless classroom at the ground breaking ceremony of The Project for the expansion of Gesurura Primary School.

### List of GGP Projects (January-March 2015)

#### Grant signing

- The Expansion of St. Bakita Nagis Primary School / St. Bakita Nagis Primary School .Grant amount of USD 88,361 (Date: 16th March)
- The Renovation of a Maternity Ward at Kiptulwa Dispensary / Kiptulwa Dispensary. Grant amount: USD 86,923 (Date: 16th March)
- The Expansion of Mbuluni Primary School / Mbuluni Primary School. Grant amount: USD 83,351 (Date: 16th March)
- The Expansion of Lulu Friends Primary School / Lulu Friends Primary School. Grant amount: USD 90,836 (Date: 16th March)
- The Project for Water Supply in Karadolo West. Grant amount: USD 86,343 (Date: 13th March)
- Youth Empowerment Through the Establishment of Greenhouse in Misuuni Area. Grant amount: USD 80,569 (Date: 26th January)
- The Expansion of Gesurura Primary School. Grant amount: USD 93,363 (Date: 26th January)
- The Expansion of Ramula Community Dispensary. Grant amount: USD 92,367 (Date: 26th January)
- The Construction of Girl's Dormitory and Expansion of Oldebes Secondary School. Grant amount: USD 84,066 (Date: 26th January)
- The Construction of a Dormitory at Saint Lucy High School for the Visually Impaired. Grant amount: USD 87,361 (Date: 26th January)

#### Ground breaking

- The Expansion of Gesurura Primary School. Amount: USD 93,363 (Date: 6th March)
- Youth Empowerment Through the Establishment of Greenhouse in Misuuni Area. Amount: USD 80,569 (Date: 4th March)
- The Construction of a Dormitory at Saint Lucy High School for the Visually Impaired. Amount: USD 87,361 (Date: 3rd March)
- The Expansion of Ramula Community Dispensary. Amount: USD 92,367 (Date: 27th February)
- The Construction of Girls' Dormitory and Expansion of Oldebes Secondary School. Amount: USD 84,066 (Date: 26th February)

#### Handing over

- The Expansion of Olengoloto Primary School. Amount: USD 119,927 (Date: 29th January)





## (CULTURAL AFFAIRS) The 8th Japanese Speech Contest



**On 21st of March**, the 8th Japanese Language Speech Contest was held at the Embassy of Japan. The speech contest attracted about 200 participants among them 13 speech contestants and 5 Japanese cultural presenters.

The contest was organized by the Japan Information and Culture Centre (JICC), the Japan Foundation (JF) and the Japanese Language Teachers Association of Kenya (JALTAK).

Sponsors of the contest included H.I.S Kenya Ltd. (travel agency), Panafricamed Ltd (Valdivia), Rohto Mentholatum (Kenya) Ltd (healthcare), DoDo World! (travel agency), Mitsui and Co. Ltd (general trading company), Toridoll Kenya Ltd (Teriyaki) and JKUAT Nissin Foods Ltd (instant noodle). The winner of the contest was Mbithe Nzomo of Strathmore University.



## (PEOPLE-PEOPLE EXCHANGE) 5 Kenyan students departing to Japan under 2015 Japanese Government Scholarship Program

**On 16th of March**, 5 Kenyan students who will study in Japan from April made a courtesy call to H.E. Mr. Tatsushi Terada. Mr. Terada encouraged them to study hard in Japan and come back to Kenya for the development of this country. The Students will take a 6 month Japanese language course then start their respective Masters program or PhD program.



## (PUBLIC RELATIONS) Embassy of Japan Bulletin



**From 2015**, the Japan Information and Culture Centre, Embassy of Japan in Kenya will publish Embassy of Japan Bulletin. The Bulletin will give a summary of the activities by the Embassy of Japan in Kenya as well as significant news regarding Japan-Kenya relations on quarterly basis. The Bulletin will be available only in soft copy formats while it will also be posted in the JICC library information board.

(Image description: Japanese Food: Sushi for Hinamatsuri (Girls's Day Festival))

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