



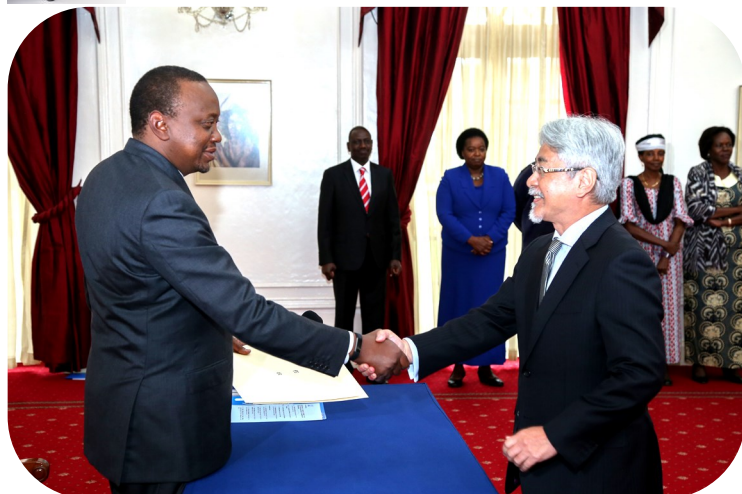
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(GENERAL AFFAIRS) KENYA WELCOMES H.E. AMBASSADOR TOSHITSUGU UESAWA



On the 9th of June 2016,

H.E Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya presented his credentials to H.E Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya at State House, Nairobi. The Ceremony was also attended by Deputy President Mr. William Ruto together with 9 other newly posted envoys to Kenya who also presented their credentials.

Amb. Toshitsugu Uesawa

Professional Career:

April 1977	Entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs
August 2002	Director, Second Africa Division, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau
August 2004	Director, Technical Cooperation Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau
August 2006	Minister, Embassy of Japan in India
November 2007	Ambassador of Japan to Nigeria
September 2011	Director-General, General Affairs Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Professional Career cont....

October 2013	Vice-President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
October 2015	Deputy Director-General, African Affairs Department, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau and International Cooperation Bureau (Ambassador) Ambassador in charge of Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Peace and Security in Africa Ambassador for Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)
June 2016	Ambassador of Japan to Kenya



(GENERAL AFFAIRS) OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF TICAD VI LOGO

On the 1st of July 2016, H.E

President Uhuru Kenyatta officially launched the TICAD VI website and Logo at the State House, Nairobi. Present during the launch were senior Government officials including the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs Amb. Dr. Amina Mohamed and the Cabinet Secretary Devolution and Planning Mr. Mwangi Kiunjuri and Ambassador Uesawa.





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

Between April and June 2016, two GGP projects started their construction; one tree planting activity took place and one GGP project was handed over.

List of GGP Projects

Ground Breaking Ceremony

- The Project for the Expansion of Dormitory for St. Anne's Girls Primary School, Kakamega. Grant Amount of USD 88,321. (Date: 20 May 2016)
- The Project for the Construction of JOYWO Women Economic Empowerment Training Centre, Uasin Gishu. Grant Amount of USD 119,490. (Date: 31 May 2016)

Tree Planting Ceremony

- The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kalimani Earth Dam, Kitui. Grant Amount of USD 101,159. (Date: 26 April 2016)

Handing Over Ceremony

- The Project for the Improvement of Educational Environment for Primary Schools within the Tea Farm Areas of Nandi County. Grant Amount of USD 119,811. (Date: 16 May 2016)



Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Mikio Mori and H.E. Mrs. Ruto during the ground breaking ceremony in Uasin Gishu



(GENERAL AFFAIRS) African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC)

On the 6th of June 2016, the opening ceremony for the African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC) took place at the Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS) in Embakasi. ARDEC, which is implemented by the UN Department Of Field Support, aims to train engineering personnel in peacekeeping operations. Under its proactive contribution to peace concept, Japan dispatches 17 instructors from the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force to conduct training to the Kenya Defence Forces on the operation of heavy equipment required for engineering activities. The first phase of ARDEC will continue until the 29th of July 2016.



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1. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Mori of the Embassy of Japan, speaking during the ARDEC workshop



2. A group photo during the ARDEC workshop



3. Tuwakuze Africa Youth Group Visits the Embassy

Tuwakuze youth group members posing next to the *Gogatsu Ningyo* boys display at the JICC library during a cultural visit to the Embassy.

4. KCB Foundation brings Blossom Childrens Centre-Mathare to the Embassy

Staff from KCB Foundation and students attempting to play *fukuwarai* (a traditional Japanese game), during a cultural visit to the Embassy.





(GENERAL AFFAIRS) TICAD VI MINISTERIAL PREPARATORY MEETING

On the 16th & 17th of June 2016, the TICAD VI Ministerial Preparatory Meeting was held in the Islamic Republic of the Gambia. In attendance was H.E. Mr. Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, who made the opening and closing remarks at the meeting. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hamachi announced that more than 100 companies are expected to participate in TICAD VI from Japan. 'It is my firm belief that their insights and technologies will be of great value to deepen the discussions on the priority areas of TICAD VI, namely, industrialization, health, and social stability,' said Mr. Hamachi. H.E. Mr. Hamachi reiterated that TICAD VI will open a new chapter for the history of Japan and Africa.



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) Marumo Story premieres on KBC TV

On the 23rd of May 2016, Marumo's story (Japanese drama), premiered for the first time in Kenya on KBC TV. This drama is a heartwarming story full of laughter and tears about young twins, a single man, and a dog that can speak. The drama is aired every Monday at 10.00pm.



(PEOPLE-PEOPLE EXCHANGE) MEXT 2017 Scholarships Seminar



On 4th and 7th of May 2016, JICC held seminars for the 2017 MEXT Scholarships, which recorded more than 600 participants. Seminars had various presentations lined up, among them testimonials from MEXT Alumni, Dr. Jane Ambuko (University of Nairobi) and Dr. Gabriel Oluga Aboge (University of Nairobi), a video presentation on studying in Japan and a power point presentation on the scholarship process. Successful applicants will depart to Japan in April, 2017.

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