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(GENERAL AFFAIRS) TICAD VI COMES TO KENYA



(Photo: TICAD VI Nairobi)

On the 27th and 28th of August 2016, the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) was held in Nairobi, the Republic of Kenya. TICAD VI was the first TICAD summit meeting held in Africa. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, served as co-chair along with Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya, and Mr. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad and also the Chairperson of the African Union (AU).

Including side events, over 11,000 people participated in TICAD VI, including the representatives of 53 African countries as well as development partner countries and Asian countries, international and regional organizations, the private sector, and civil society such as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). In addition, a business mission with leaders from 77 organizations including Japanese businesses and universities accompanied Prime Minister Abe and introduced Japanese private-sector initiatives at each session.

Prime Minister Abe also met with 26 participants from Africa at the leader's level in individual or group meetings. Additionally, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, met with 10 participants from Africa at the ministerial level, and the heads of seven international organizations in individual or group meetings.

The following pillars were identified under the Nairobi Declaration which was adopted during TICAD VI:

- Promoting structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization
- Promoting resilient health systems for quality of life
- Promoting social stability for shared prosperity



(Photo: TICAD VI Nairobi)

*For more information on TICAD VI, please visit: http://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af1/page3e_000551.html



(PUBLIC RELATIONS) NTV Live Panel Discussion on TICAD VI

On the 27th of July 2016, exactly one month before the start of the historic TICAD VI, the Embassy of Japan in conjunction with NTV and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance, KEPSA, held a Live Panel Discussion on TICAD.

The NTV Live Panel Discussion was part of a series of Pre-TICAD events aimed at creating a deeper understanding of TICAD. The panelists for this discussion were H.E Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya; Mr. Isaac P. Kalua, Chairperson of Green Africa Foundation; Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary of the State Department of Trade, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives; Ambassador Dennis Awori, Chairperson of KEPSA; Mr. P. K. Ndungu the Acting Director General of the TICAD VI Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Gabriel Negatu the Regional Director of the East African Resource Centre, African Development Bank. As a moderator, Mr. Linus Kaikai, General Manager of NTV, participated in the discussion.



(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Ngong Road Development Project



On the 24th of August 2016, Ambassador Uesawa and President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the first phase of the Ngong Road Development Project. This is part of the Kenya @50 flagship project.

The project of Ksh 1.3 billion, which aims to reduce traffic congestion in Nairobi, is funded by the Government of Japan. The road starting from the Kenya National Library to the junction at the Kilimani Ring Road, will be dualled with this project. The work is expected to be completed by July 2017.

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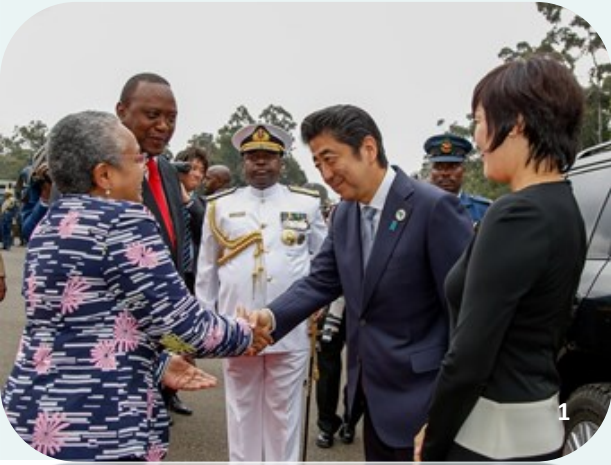
(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Mombasa Port Commissioning

On the 3rd of September 2016, Ambassador Uesawa together with President Uhuru Kenyatta Commissioned the first phase of the Second Container Terminal at the Port of Mombasa funded by the Government of Japan. The new facility has brought 550,000 Twenty Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) capacity, which has raised the total container handling capacity of the Port to 1.65 million TEUs. The second phase of the Terminal, which is also funded by the Government of Japan, is expected to start its operation in 2019.



Deputy President William Ruto, Cabinet Secretaries, and County Government representatives, were also in attendance to celebrate the occasion.

BULLETIN PICTORIAL



(Photo: TICAD VI Nairobi)



1. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his spouse Mrs. Akie Abe, being received by Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and his spouse Mrs. Margaret Kenyatta at the State House.

2. NTV Live panel discussion panellists.

3. A Japanese drum concert held at the Alliance Française on the evening of August 26th 2016 to celebrate TICAD VI.

4. MEXT scholarship 2016 recipients paid a courtesy call to Mr. Yoshihiro Katayama, Minister Counsellor of Japan to Kenya on September 13th 2016.

5. Presentation on TICAD VI by JICC Director to Muranga University students on September 24th 2016.





(GENERAL AFFAIRS) JAPAN TRAINING SQUADRON & SELF-DEFENSE FORCES DAY



From the 26th to 29th of September 2016, a Japan Training Squadron, consisting of JS KASHIMA, JS SETOYUKI and JS ASAGIRI visited Mombasa as part of an overseas training cruise for the first time in 45 years. The squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral Hidetoshi Iwasaki, has 750 officers and 200 cadets. Ambassador Uesawa officially welcomed the Squadron at the Port of Mombasa and co-hosted the reception on JS KASHIMA on 26th with Commander Iwasaki. Ambassador Uesawa also hosted the Japan Self-Defense Forces Day Reception at his residence on the 27th. This is an annual reception which commemorates the formation of the Japan Self-Defense Forces. Rear Admiral Iwasaki and 50 cadets represented the Squadron at the Reception.



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

Between July and September 2016, one GGP project contract was signed; and four GGP projects were handed over:

Grant Contract Signing

- The Project for the Improvement of Public Safety in Nairobi through the Provision of Police Vehicles, Nairobi County. Grant Amount of USD 450,122. (Date: 22 July 2016)

Handing Over Ceremony

- The Project for the Construction of a Dormitory at Saint Lucy High School for the Visually Impaired. Grant Amount of USD 87,361. (Date: 22 July 2016)
- The Project for the Improvement of Public Safety in Nairobi through the Provision of Police Vehicles, Nairobi County. Grant Amount of USD 450,122. (Date: 18 August 2016)
- The Project for Reusing Second-hand Fire Engines, Nairobi City County. Grant Amount of USD 66,381. (Date: 23 August 2016)
- The Project for the Equipment of Sahajanand Special School Vocational Training, Mtwapa, Kilifi County. Grant Amount of USD 60,710. (Date: 26 September 2016)



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