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## (PUBLIC RELATIONS) TICAD Follow-Up Public Lecture on Health



Prof. Sugishita delivering his lecture

**On the 24th of March 2017,** a public lecture, which consisted of a presentation, (Global Health Landscape and Japan’s commitment in the era of SDGs) delivered by Professor Tomohiko Sugishita, International Affairs and Tropical Medicine, Tokyo Women’s University, Japan and a panel discussion, was held at the Embassy of Japan. The panelists for this discussion were Mr. Stephen Kaboro, Economist, Ministry of Health; Dr. Peter Kamunyo, Director, Kenya Healthcare Federation and Mr. Wycliffe Muga, Newspaper columnist and MIT Fellow of the Knight Science Journalism Fellowship. As a moderator, Dr. Willis

Akhwale, Country Director, I-Tech Kenya, participated in the discussion.

The Embassy of Japan held a TICAD Follow-up Public Lecture on Health as a follow-up to the discussions during the 6<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) held in Nairobi last August and the G7 Ise-Shima Summit Meeting in Japan. TICAD VI saw Japan lead the discussion on global health. During these two Summit Meetings, and particularly during TICAD, “Promoting Resilient Health Systems for Quality of Life” was



(L to R) Mr. Katayama, Prof. Were, Mr. Kaboro and Mr. Muga



The panelists (L to R) Mr. Kaboro, Dr. Kamunyo and Mr. Muga

identified as a priority area of focus. Japan thus committed itself to strengthening medical services in Africa with a view to attaining Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The theme of the Public Lecture was how Japan’s robust health care system developed in the 70 years since World War II and how Kenya can borrow from Japan’s experience.

A detailed report on the proceedings of the TICAD Follow-up Public Lecture on Health is available on our website through the following link: [http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/00\\_000901.html](http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000901.html).



## **(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Japan Extends Emergency Grant Aid**

**On the 14th of March 2017**, The Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid of 26 million US dollars in response to the famine in the Middle East and Africa through 6 international organizations and agencies including the World Food Programme (WFP). Among this aid package, 1.5 million US dollars is allocated for the emergency relief projects in Kenya through 3 international organizations.

This assistance is provided as a swift response to United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's call for support. Japan will provide humanitarian assistance such as food, nutrition, health and WASH (Water and Sanitation) in Somalia, South Sudan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Yemen and Kenya.



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

**Between January and March 2017**, five GGP project contracts were signed; and there were three GGP ground breaking ceremonies:

### **Grant Contract Signing**

- The Project for the Construction of a Physiotherapy Facility and Improvement of the Pavement for Pupils with Cerebral Palsy in Kwanjora Special School, Nyandarua County. Grant Amount of USD 55,598. (Date: 08 February 2017)
- The Project for the Rehabilitation of Street-children through Organic Farming, Moyo Children, Ngoliba, Kiambu County. Grant Amount of USD 74,605. (Date: 08 February 2017)
- The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Matisi Primary School, Trans Nzoia County. Grant Amount of USD 84,890. (Date: 08 February 2017)
- The Project for the Construction of Majegho Community Sand Dam, Taita Taveta County. Grant Amount of USD 97,138. (Date: 08 February 2017)
- The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Bahati ADC Primary School, Vihiga County. Grant Amount of USD 82,748. (Date: 08 February 2017)



### **Ground Breaking Ceremony**

- The Project for Promoting Access to Quality Education for Girls at Gadamoji High School, Marsabit County. Grant Amount of USD 78,566. (Date: 21 February 2017)
- The Project for the Construction of a Physiotherapy Facility and Improvement of the Pavement for Pupils with Cerebral Palsy in Kwanjora Special School, Nyandarua County. Grant Amount of USD 55,598. (Date: 09 March 2017)
- The Project for Water Supply in Karadolo West, Siaya County. Grant Amount of USD 86,343. (Date: 16 March 2017)







## (CULTURAL AFFAIRS) The 10th Japanese Language Speech Contest

**On the 11th of March 2017**, the 10th Japanese Language Speech Contest was held at the Embassy of Japan. The speech contest attracted about 190 participants among them 15 Japanese language speech contestants.

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 Mitsui and Co. Ltd (general trading company), Marubeni Corporation (general trading company), Rohto Mentholatum [Kenya] Ltd (healthcare), H.I.S Kenya Ltd. (travel agency), Nippon Express Co. Ltd (Courier Service), Panafricamed Ltd (Valdivia Bio-Energized Water), and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Japanese private university).

The Japanese Language Speech Contest was officially opened by the Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa. Mr. Douglas Wakiihuri, Olympic medalist, also graced the occasion.



Mr. Festus Mutuku, winner of the 10th Japanese Language Speech Contest receiving a prize from the Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, H. E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa



## (PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES) Ship of the World Youth Pay a Courtesy Call To The JICC Director



**On the 13th of March 2017**, representatives of the Kenyan Youth Leaders who participated in this year's 'Ship for World Youth' Leader's program, paid a courtesy call to Mr. Nakamura, Director of The Japan Information and Culture Centre, Embassy of Japan.

The youth from Kenya left for Japan on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 and returned on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. More than 200 youth leaders from 11 countries joined this program.

For more information about this program, please visit:  
<http://www.shipforworldyouth.org/>.



## (PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES) MEXT Scholarship Recipients Pay a Courtesy Call To The Ambassador



**On the 2nd of March 2017**, seven students who have received the 2017 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship paid a courtesy call to Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya. Of the seven students, six have gone to Japan to pursue their PhD/Masters degrees and one will pursue a diploma under the Specialized Training College.

More information about the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Program can be found on the Embassy of Japan in Kenya website through the link:

[http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/scholarships.html](http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/scholarships.html)



## (PUBLIC RELATIONS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS) JICC School Caravans



**(PUBLIC RELATIONS)** Students from Scott Christian University listening to a presentation on TICAD VI by the Director of JICC. This was one of the events during a school caravan by JICC to Kitui and Machakos Counties between the 27th and 28th of January 2017.



**(CULTURAL AFFAIRS)** Students from Emali Township Secondary School singing the song "Tsubasa wo Kudasai". This was one of the events during a school caravan by JICC to Makueni County between the 17th and 18th of February 2017.

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