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(GENERAL AFFAIRS) The Conferment of Decorations on Amb. Amina Mohamed

On the 9th of May 2017, Ambassador Amina C. Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya, was conferred the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, the highest Japanese decoration for foreigners, by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan Akihito, under the 2017 Spring Conferment of Decorations on Foreign Nationals for her invaluable contribution to promoting friendly relations and reinforcement of economic relations between Kenya and Japan. In particular she was instrumental in Kenya's successful hosting of the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI), which was held for the first time in Africa.

During her stay in Japan, Ambassador Amina met Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Mr. Fumio Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs respectively. In their meeting, they exchanged views on several issues such as the TICAD VI, strengthening of a free and open maritime order in the Indo-Pacific region and the development of the Mombasa Special Economic Zone.

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(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Olkaria V Geothermal Power Plant



On the 28th of April 2017, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta graced a Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Japan sponsored Olkaria V Unit 1 and 2 Geothermal Project. Japan finances approximately Ksh 41 billion to this project.

The completion of this project will bring the capacity of the Olkaria geothermal power plants to 570MW, some 80 percent of the total output. Japan will work closely with Kenya to develop power that is not only critical to social and economic development, but also clean energy that assures the health of the nation for generations to come.



(POLITICAL AFFAIRS) Prime Minister Abe Holds Talks with President Kenyatta at G7 Summit



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On the 2nd of May 2017, Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, who was visiting the Italian Republic to attend the G7 Taormina Summit, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, who attended the G7 Outreach Meeting.

Prime Minister Abe and President Kenyatta exchanged views on the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI); the conferment of Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun to Cabinet Secretary Amina; strengthening cooperation in areas such as the development of the Mombasa Special Economic Zone (SEZ); the United

Nations Security Council (UNSC) reform and views on regional affairs including South Sudan and North Korea.

For more information please visit: http://www.mofa.go.jp/af/af2/ke/page3e_000685.html



(ECONOMIC COOPERATION) Public Private Business Mission to Kenya

On the 18th and 19th of April 2017, a Public-Private Business Mission visited Kenya to learn and visit a site of the Mombasa (Dongo Kundu) Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The mission, which consisted of more than 60 companies from Japan, France, United Kingdom and India, shows a big interest in investing in the SEZ.



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

Between April and June 2017, two GGP projects were handed over:

Handing over ceremony

- The Project for the Construction of Practical Education Facilities in Burgei Secondary School, Rongai, Nakuru County. Grant Amount of USD 72,487. (Date: 07 April 2017)
- The Project for the Expansion of Dormitory for St. Anne's Girls Primary School, Mumias, Kakamega County. Grant Amount of USD 85,321. (Date: 16 June 2017)



(PUBLIC RELATIONS) Japan-Kenya Policy Workshop on Sport

On the 22nd of June 2017, the Embassy of Japan in Kenya held a Policy Workshop on sport to discuss how Japan-Kenya relations have benefited from sports exchange and what Kenyans can learn from Japan-Kenya Sports exchange among the panelists who represented various sports sectors. They included Mr. David Lungaho, Head Coach, National Women's Volleyball; Ms. Esther Wanjiru, Olympian, Women's Marathon, 2000 Sydney Olympics; Dr. Richard Ndubai, Director General, National Youth Service and Mr. Yasunori Nakamura, Director, Japan Information & Culture Centre, Embassy of Japan. As a moderator, Mr. Elias Makori, Sports Editor, Daily Nation, participated in the discussion.



The workshop was attended by a varied audience including officials from the Ministry of Sports, Culture & the Arts, officials from various sports federations in Kenya, sports men and women in fields including volleyball, athletics, boxing and martial arts, media personalities and friends of Japan and Kenya.

The Policy Workshop was officially opened by H.E. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya and Mr. Maina Kamau, Commissioner of Sports, Ministry of Sports, Culture & the Arts. Mr. Raphael Muiruri, Deputy Secretary, State Department of Sports read remarks on behalf of Ambassador Peter Kaberia, Principal Secretary, State Department of Sports Development, Ministry of Sports, Culture & the Arts.

For more information please visit: http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/00_000955.html



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

On the 29th of May 2017, Japan dispatched 18 personnel from the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force to the third African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC) training, implemented by the UN Department of Field Support.

The training, which takes place in Kenya from May 29th to July 21st, aims to strengthen the engineering capability of the Tanzania People's Defense Force on the operation of heavy equipment.





(PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES, PUBLIC RELATIONS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS) PICTORIAL



(PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGES) On the 3rd and 6th of May 2017, JICC held seminars for the 2018 MEXT Scholarships, which recorded about 500 participants. Seminars had various presentations lined up, among them testimonials from MEXT Alumni, Dr. George Otieno (Kenyatta University) 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, 2018.



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) JICC Director, Mr. Nakamura, demonstrating to Braeburn students what the Koto music instrument from Japan is. This was during the school's annual cultural day on the 12th of May 2017.



(PUBLIC RELATIONS) Students from Eldoret 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 Uasin Gishu Counties between the 19th and 21st of May 2017.



(CULTURAL AFFAIRS) Students from Egerton University, Nakuru county being demonstrated to *Shodo* (Japanese calligraphy). This was one of the events during a school caravan by JICC to Nakuru County between the 9th and 10th of June 2017.

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