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# EMBASSY OF JAPAN BULLETIN

## Joint Ceremony of Japan's Grant Aid for Infrastructure Projects



On 22nd March 2018, the Government of the Republic of Kenya organised an official ceremony to mark the Commissioning of Ngong Road Phase 1, the launch of the Dualling of the Ngong Road Phase 2 and the Handing Over of Road Construction Equipment, by courtesy of Japan's ODA grant amounting to approximately 4.325 billion KES. The ceremony was held opposite Prestige Plaza on Ngong Road. H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta and H.E. Toshitsugu Uesawa graced the event as the primary speakers. The President of Kenya and the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya unveiled the commemorative monument solidifying the growing relations between Kenya and Japan in line with the Big 4 Agenda.

### TICAD

TICAD is an open and inclusive platform which brings together a wide range of stakeholders including African governments and regional and sub-regional organizations, international organizations, partner countries, private sector and civil society for innovative and high-level discussions on African development.

Reflecting Japan's unique approach to development cooperation, TICAD puts special emphasis on ensuring "quality growth" and "human security".

## Exchange of Notes Signing Ceremony

On 16th March 2018, the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, signed and exchanged notes with Mr. Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Planning, for the Olkaria I units 1, 2 and 3 Geothermal Power Plant rehabilitation project and for the Purchase of Patrol Boats for fisheries.



During the ceremony, Ambassador Uesawa spoke on Japan's technology expertise stating that Japan's partnership supports the BIG 4 Agenda in the areas of manufacturing and blue economy. Mr. Rotich welcomed the support of the Government of Japan and commended the joint partnership in the geothermal sector.

Other officials present at the ceremony included Ms. Keiko Sano, Chief Representative, JICA; Mrs. Rebecca Miano, CEO, KenGen; and Mr. William Mbaka, Chief Finance Officer, Ministry of Energy.

## TICAD Follow-up Workshop

On 1st March 2018, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Kenya organized a TICAD Follow-up Workshop in line with the BIG 4 Agenda at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The panelists during the workshop were H.E. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan; Ambassador Ben H. O. Ogutu, Director General, Conferences & Events Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Moses M. Ikiara, Managing Director, Kenya Investment Authority (KenInvest); Ambassador Dennis Awori, Chairman, Toyota Kenya and Toyota Tsusho East Africa and Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative. Prof. Peter Kagwanja, President & Chief Executive, Africa Policy Institute participated in the workshop as the moderator.



## Ministry of Defence New Year Greetings 2018 and Ambassadors' Round Table on Blue Economy"

On 28th February 2018, Ambassador Uesawa attended the "Ministry of Defence New Year Greetings 2018 and Ambassadors' Round Table on Blue Economy" as a panelist.

The topic of discussion was on the Blue Economy, set along the theme of "Countering Maritime Security Threats and Exploiting the Blue Economy through regional and International Cooperation".



## Workshop on Gender Empowerment in the Agricultural sector



On 27th February 2018, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Kenya and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) coordinated a workshop on Gender Inclusivity, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nairobi, where the importance of women empowerment in the agriculture sector in Africa was highlighted. The event was graced by Mr. Yoshihiro

Katayama, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Kenya; Professor Yumiko Tanaka from Josai International University, Representative of Japan to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Ms. Queen Katembu, Head of Gender and Sustainable Livelihoods FAO; and Ms. Joan Mugambi, Director, Extension and Technology Transfer JKUAT.

### TICAD VI COMMITMENT

- Focus on developing quality infrastructure, building resilient health systems and laying the foundation for peace and stability.
- Disburse quality infrastructure investment
- Increase power generation capacity up to 2,000 MW with PPP.
- Provide training to 30,000 African people in industrial activities (education/practical training)
- Provide training to 20,000 math and science teachers.
- Provide training to 20,000 health experts and policy makers.
- Increase the number of people who have access to basic health services to 2 million.
- Provide peace and stability measures including providing vocation training for 50,000 people.

## Press Study Tour To Mwea



On 24th and 25th, January 2018, the Embassy of Japan in Kenya and JICA held a press study tour to Mwea.

The tour involved interactions between the press, a team of experts visiting from Japan and their Kenyan counterparts, and beneficiaries of the various schemes. The project sites visited included:

- Mwea Irrigation Development Project (MIDP) - Construction of Thiba Dam, irrigation and feeder canals, drainage and other related facilities to expand the irrigation scheme.
- Rice-based and Market-oriented Agriculture Promotion Project (RiceMAPP) - Dissemination of rice production technologies and knowledge to income sustainability for agricultural producers.
- The Project on Rice Research for Tailor-made Breeding and Cultivation Technology Development in Kenya (SATREPS Project) - Development of rice varieties that can overcome stress conditions in Kenya and cultivation technologies that maximize the potential of individual rice varieties for sustainable rice production

## Culture, Sports and Education Affairs



JICC staff showing a young student how to use chopsticks. This was during the annual Kiota School cultural day on the 16th of March where Japan had an exhibition booth.



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### (1.) Japanese Speech Contest

The 11th Japanese Language Speech Contest was held at the Embassy of Japan on Saturday, 17th March 2018. The speech contest attracted about 170 people among them 21 Japanese language speech contestants shortlisted from 41 applicants. This year's contest had a regional outlook as for the first time, there was a contestant from University of Khartoum, Sudan and a contestant from University of Dodoma, Tanzania.

### (2.) KEJAA Study Tour

The Kenya Japan Alumni Association (KEJAA) Study Tour Program involved visiting three members of the umbrella Alumni Association KEJAA who have established manufacturing plants from the knowledge they acquired in Japan as a way of motivating other members to do likewise. One of them has a fertilizer factory, the other steel smelting factory and the last one a textile factory.

### (3.) MEXT Scholars Pay a Courtesy Call on Ambassador Uesawa

The 2018 Japanese Government MEXT scholarship recipients of the Research Student category and Specialized Training College category paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, on the 9th of March 2018. The 7 (seven) scholarship recipients will be leaving for their studies to Japan on the 1st of April 2018.

### (4.) Public Lecture by Mr. Koichiro Kobayashi

Mr. Koichiro Kobayashi, a Paraclimber and founder of the NPO Monkey Magic, delivered a Public Lecture at the Embassy of Japan on 14th March 2018. The lecture entitled "A Life Story of a Visually Impaired Climber - His New Venture in Kenya" is part of the Sport for Tomorrow Initiative by the Government of Japan.



The Director of the Japan Information & Culture Centre presents an award to Ms. Jackline Wambui, Most Promising Girl (U18 800m World Champion) during the 2018 SOYA Awards



Students from Kenton College pose for a photo at the Japan Information & Culture Centre, JICC, on 5th February 2018. They visited the centre as part of the School visit program which aims to share information about Japan, the Japanese culture and language to visiting groups

## Japan Celebrates Grassroots Human Security Projects GGP



Between January and March 2018, seven GGP contracts were signed and four GGP projects were handed over.

### Grant Contract Signing

- The Project for the Construction of Classrooms at Kwadadu Primary School (Kifili Country) Amount USD 50,156
- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Gabina Primary School (Kifili Country) Amount USD 84,409
- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Reten Primary School (Samburu Country) Amount USD 72,404
- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Reteti Primary School (Samburu Country) Amount USD 81,622
- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Leng'arde Primary School (Samburu Country) Amount USD 51,519
- The Project for Construction of Dormitories at Gesiaga Secondary School (Nyamira Country) Grant Amount USD 89,952
- The Project for Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment for Kondoro Primary School (Migori Country) Amount USD 27,514

### Handing Over Ceremony

- The Project for Rehabilitation of Street Children through Organic Farming (Kiambu County) Amount USD 74,605
- The Improvement of Learning Outcomes through Upgrading Learning Facilities in Six schools (Laikipia County) Amount USD 92,945
- The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Matisi Primary School (Trans Nzoia County) Amount USD 84,890
- The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Bahati ADC Primary School (Vihiga County) Amount USD 82,748

## Japan Celebrates Grant Contract Signing with Japanese NGOs

On 8th March 2018, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, signed, on behalf of the Government of Japan, grant contracts with two Japanese NGOs, the Japan Center for Conflict Prevention (left image) and GLM Institute (right image).

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