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Ceremony for Commissioning of Package 1 of Dongo Kundu Bypass as Japan's ODA Loan project



In the remark, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya maintained that the Dongo Kundu Bypass development project is expected to ease traffic congestion and improve transportation of goods, people and services among the counties and other East African countries.

A ceremony for the commissioning of Dongo Kundu Bypass Package I (Mombasa port – Mwaché – Miritini), an ODA Loan Project funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), was held in Mombasa County .

H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, H.E. Deputy President William Ruto and other high level officials were present at the ceremony.

He also stressed that cooperation between Japan and Kenya has been evident through many ODA projects in Mombasa such as Mombasa Port and New Nyali Bridge. Through the strengthened bilateral relationship between Japan and Kenya, Japan will continuously contribute to Kenya's efforts in achieving the Big 4 agenda

by supporting infrastructure projects thereby contributing to faster economic growth of Kenya and East African region.



Japan Self Defense Forces Day



Speech by H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya

On the 26th of June 2018, a reception honouring the Japan Self Defense Forces was held at the

Japanese Ambassador's residence, Nairobi, Kenya. H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan, and Major General Adan K. Mulata graced the event as the primary speakers. Ambassador Uesawa drew on the peacekeeping support efforts by the Government of Japan across Africa echoing the examples of the Japan led African Rapid Deployment of Engineering Capabilities (ARDEC) and the Japanese vessels providing support across the Gulf of Aden. Major General Mulata extended his gratitude to the Government of Japan being one of the primary partners of the International Peace Support Training Centre.



Kenya Defense Forces Band performing the National Anthems of Japan and Kenya

Japan Deploys Kenya's First Satellite to Space



Ambassador Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Education, giving remarks on behalf of H.E. President Kenyatta.



The audience watching the live deployment from the Tsukuba, Japan.



Kenya's first Satellite, 1KUNS-PF ready for deployment.



Kenya's Satellite finally deployed into space!

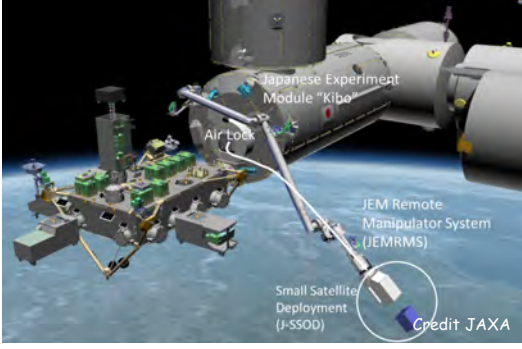
At exactly 1.30 pm East African Time on the 11th May 2018, Kenya's first satellite (1KUNS-PF), developed with support from JAXA and UNOOSA under the "KiboCUBE" programme, was deployed into space. The Embassy of Japan in conjunction with the University of Nairobi (UoN) held a Public Viewing of this deployment which was televised live.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education, Ambassador Amina Mohamed and the Vice Chancellor, UoN, Prof. Peter Mbithi witnessed the event from Tsukuba in Japan while



present to witness the deployment at the Embassy of Japan in Kenya, Mr. Yoshihiro

Katayama and the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Macharia Kamau among other invited guests.



1KUNS-PF was developed as Kenya's first satellite. The satellite was developed with the support of Sapienza University in Italy and experts from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). The team from the University of Nairobi plans to use its KiboCUBE CubeSat to test technologies developed for the future launch of a larger earth observation satellite.

Courtesy Call to Ambassador Uesawa by Kenya's Judo Players



On June 8th 2018, the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa hosted the Kenya Judo Association, who paid him a courtesy call at his residence. From the 10th to the 20th June, the Judo players represented Kenya in an International Training Camp, in Kodokan, Tokyo, Japan ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Games. The Government of Japan has provided an all expense grant towards the training, which has been organized by the All Japan Judo Federation.

SPORT FOR TOMORROW is an international contribution through sport initiative led by the Japanese government, which promotes sport to more than 10 million people in over 100 nations until 2020, the year when Tokyo will host the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

NUITM-KEMRI Project Ceremony

On the 29th of June 2018, a ceremony celebrating over a decade of research collaboration between Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and Nagasaki University was held at the KEMRI Headquarters, Nairobi.

Ambassador Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan; Dr. Yeri Kombe, Director of KEMRI; and Prof. Shigeru Kohno, President of Nagasaki University; graced the event as the key speakers.

Ambassador Uesawa spoke fondly of the medical collaboration between the Government of Japan and the Government of Kenya dating

back to when Kenya gained its independence. Since 1979 the partnership between KEMRI and Nagasaki University has strengthened with support in the form of provision of medical equipment and construction of facilities such as the KEMRI Headquarters.



Japan booth at the 6th Nairobi International Cultural Festival

On the 12th of May 2018, the Embassy of Japan in Kenya through the Japan Information and Culture Centre took part in the 6th Nairobi International Cultural Festival, held at the National Museums of Kenya. The Japan booth, which was among 15 other countries, was centred on the theme 'Old meets New Japan'. The booth showcased traditional cultural items, food culture, Japanese tea tasting, Origami and Shodo arts, a Karate performance and Japanese pop culture and cosplay.



Project for the Improvement of Water Supply System in Embu



The Embassy of Japan participated in a commissioning ceremony for JICA's Project for Improvement of the Water Supply System in Embu on 25th of June hosted by Government of Kenya, in the presence of H.E. Simon Chelugui, CS of Ministry of Water and Sanitation and H.E. Martin Nyaga Wambora, Governor of Embu County. Embu has now become a

town where many more people have access to safe piped water in their homes. This is possible because of the newly installed water treatment plant which has increased both the supply and storage capacity over two times more than the previous system.

Kenya's Judo Players Participate in the International Training Camp at Kodokan in Tokyo



Japan has had a long history in contributing to the global sport movement by sending coaches, providing equipment and assisting to enrich the sporting movement. Sport for Tomorrow's main focus is on cooperating with developing countries with an aim to promote sport and the Olympic and Paralympic movement in both tangible and intangible ways.





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GGP

What is GGP?

In 1989, the Government of Japan introduced Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in order to respond to the diverse development needs in less developed countries. The aim of GGP is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organisations for implementing projects at community level.

Every year, approximately 10 projects are selected.

Who can apply for GGP?

Any non-profit development organisation such as:

- (1) Educational Institutions
- (2) Medical Institutions
- (3) Community-Based Organisations
- (4) Local & International NGOs
- (5) Faith-Based Organisations
- (6) Local Authority

What are the areas of focus?

- (1) Primary Education (Priority for school assistance is given to primary schools)
- (2) Health Care including HIV/AIDS
- (3) Water and Sanitation
- (4) Environmental Protection
- (5) Poverty Reduction
- (6) Agriculture/Forestry/Fishery
- (7) Disaster and Emergency response

*GGP projects are not limited to the above sectors. If the community's priority need is in different sectors, GGP may consider the proposed project.

*Special attention may be given to projects assisting the vulnerable groups.

More information is available on the Embassy of Japan in Kenya website through the link:

http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/ggp1.html

2019 MEXT SCHOLARSHIP



The Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at Japanese higher education institutions.

Applications for the 2019 MEXT Scholarships opened on Tuesday, 17th April, 2018 and closed on Tuesday, 22nd May 2018. Scholarships offered

to Kenyan citizens included:

- (1) Research (Graduate) Students Scholarship
- (2) Undergraduate Students Scholarship
- (3) College of Technology Students Scholarship
- (4) Specialised Training College Students Scholarship

The 2019 Scholarships seminars were held on Wednesday, 2nd May 2018, and Saturday, 5th May 2018. Various presentations were lined up for both seminars; among them were testimonials from MEXT alumni Dr. Gabriel Oluga Aboge (Wednesday seminar) and Dr. George O. Otieno (Saturday seminar), a video presentation on studying in Japan as well as a PowerPoint presentation on the scholarship application process.

More information about the MEXT Scholarship and other Study in Japan opportunities is available on the Study in Japan website through the link: <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/index.html>

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