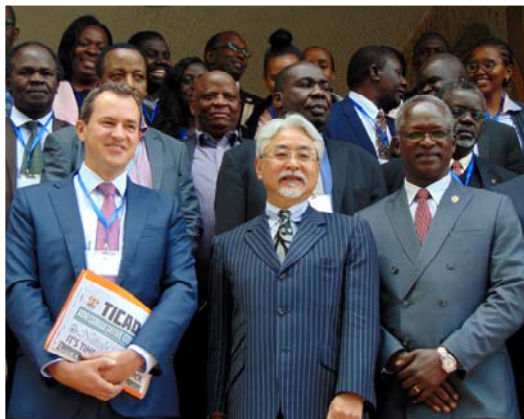


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TICAD Mini Consultative Conference



On 11th September 2018, a consultative conference building on the progress made thus far post TICAD VI was held at the Panafric Hotel, Nairobi. H. E. Ambassador. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan; Ambassador Benson Ogutu, Director of International Conferences and Events Directorate, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs; Mr. James Maina, Deputy Chief Economist, State Department for Planning; Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative; Mr. Johan Mistiaen, World Bank Program Leader and Lead Economist; and Dr. Mohammed, African Union representative graced the event as the key speakers. Ambassador Uesawa spoke fondly of the collaboration between the Government of Japan and Africa at large echoing Japan's continued support in the development of the continent through infrastructure, agriculture and blue economy advances.

Project for Rural Water Supply

The Embassy of Japan participated in the commissioning ceremony of JICA's Project for Rural Water Supply project in Baringo County on 27th of July hosted by Government of Kenya, in the presence of William Ruto, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Simon Chelugui, CS of Ministry of Water and Sanitation and H.E. Stanley Kiptis, Governor of Baringo County. This project has installed 70 boreholes in 70 villages in Baringo, where people were dependent for their livelihoods and survival, on unstable rainfall seasons, which come by twice a year.



Signing Ceremony of the Exchange of Notes for the Economic and Social Development Programme "Medical and Welfare Equipment" in Nairobi

On 8th August 2018, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan, signed and exchanged notes with Mr. Henry K. Rotich, Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Planning, for the Economic and Social Development Programme "Medical and welfare equipment" as a grant of four hundred million Japanese Yen (¥400,000,000). This cooperation aims to strengthen countermeasures against cancer such as breast cancer by providing medical equipment such as mammography. Japan has announced its efforts to "Promoting Resilient Health Systems for quality of life" at the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) and this cooperation will embody the same statement.



The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Essumba Primary School

The handover ceremony for The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment at Essumba Primary School Project was held on 30th July 2018 at Luanda Division, Emuhaya Sub County, with the attendance of Mr. Katayama, Deputy Chief of Mission. Essumba Primary School was awarded a grant of USD 82,980 (approx. Kshs 8.5 Million) for the construction and renovation of classrooms, and construction of sanitation facilities and purchase of furniture at the school.



Youth from Eritrea, Kenya, Seychelles and Somalia gather in Nairobi for the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) Send-off Ceremony

Youth from Eritrea, Kenya, Seychelles and Somalia gathered in Nairobi for a joint send-off ceremony for the Master's Degree and Internship Program of the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) organized by the Embassy of Japan in Kenya and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kenya Office. 8 successful candidates were selected as follows: 4 from Kenya, 1 from Eritrea, 1 from Somalia and 2 from Seychelles.



Japanese Government (MEXT) 2018 Scholarship Recipients' Pay a Courtesy Call to Ambassador Uesawa

On the 11th of September, the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa hosted the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients, who had paid a courtesy call to him at his office. The six 2018 scholars departed for Japan at the end of September.



Japan's ODA to Kenya

Official Development Assistance (ODA) refers to grants, loans, etc. with concessional conditions that are given to developing countries and regions, mainly for the purpose of contributing to the improvement of economic development and welfare.

Japan implements assistance towards Kenya with the following five priority areas:

- Development of Economic Infrastructure
- Agricultural Development
- Environmental Conservation
- Human Resource Management
- Health and Medical Care

Projects that have benefitted from Japan's ODA to Kenya include, but are not limited to:

- Olkaria Geothermal Development Project (Nakuru)
- JKUAT/PAU/AU Network Project (Kiambu)
- Rice-based and Market-oriented Agriculture Promotion Project (Rice-MAPP) (Kirinyaga)
- Strengthening Math and Science Education [SMASSE] (Nairobi)
- Development of Drought Tolerant Trees for Adaptation to Climate Change in Drylands of Kenya (Kitui)
- Nairobi Western Ring Road Project (Nairobi)
- Mombasa Port Development Project (Mombasa)

Donation for the Victims of the Heavy Rain in South West Japan

On behalf of the Government of Kenya, the Ambassador of Kenya to Japan, H. E. Amb. S. K. Maina handed over a donation of one ton of tea to the victims of the floods and landslides that ravaged South West Japan as a result of Heavy Rain in the region in July.

The Government of Japan is grateful to the Government and People of Kenya for this warm message of condolences to the People of Japan who were affected by the floods and landslides. The Japanese people still remember with gratitude the heartfelt messages from Kenya after the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the 2016 Earthquake in South Western Kyushu.



The First Judo Japanese Ambassador's Cup

On Friday, September 07, 2018, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Kenya in collaboration with the Kenya Judo Association (KJA) held the Judo Japanese Ambassador's Cup. The event was held at the Kasarani Sports Centre Indoor Arena.



The Judo Japanese Ambassador's Cup is part of the Sport for Tomorrow program which is an initiative led by the Government of Japan that focuses on cooperating with developing countries with an aim to promote sport and the Olympic and Paralympic movement in both tangible and intangible ways.

The judo cup was attended by the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, H. E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Sports Development Amb. Kirimi P. Kaberia and officials of the Kenya Judo Association led by the president, Mr. Shadrack Maluki.



Also in attendance were 15 Judo clubs totaling to 150 judokas. The judokas included teams from the Kenya Defence Forces, Kenya Prisons, Kenyatta University, Embassy of Japan and judo clubs from areas such as Mombasa, Kwale, Kilifi, Kiambu, Kajiado and Nakuru. The overall winners of the cadet category was the Diani Judo Club from Kilifi County, from the juniors category Kajiado Judo Club from Kajiado County and from the seniors category, the Kenya Defence Forces.

The 8th Kenya-Japan Alumni Association Annual General Meeting (KEJAA AGM)



The 8th KEJAA AGM was held on Saturday, 18th August 2018. Participants of the AGM comprised members from the four alumni associations that make up KEJAA, officials from the Embassy of Japan in Kenya and a representative from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) were in attendance.





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Origami Day

On August 8th 2018, the Embassy of Japan held an origami day. Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding. The program

of the day included an introduction to origami, a presentation on the history of origami and origami in present day. Two videos clips titled 'Artful Gift Wrapping in Japan' and 'Origami Goes High Tech' were also screened to the audience. The main origami workshop then started where the activity was mainly folding as members of the audience also interacted with JICC staff. Origami shapes and designs that the audience folded included: rose flower, koma, jumping frog, samurai helmet, crane, talking bird, simple box, fortune teller, balloon, bracelet.



The Sixth Conference of Japanese Language Education in East Africa

The Sixth Conference of Japanese Language Education in East Africa was held from Friday, 31st August, to Sunday 2nd September 2018. Participants of the conference included Japanese language teachers and students from East Africa and its neighboring countries. Guest lecturers Ms. Naoko Sakurai from the University of Leuven, Belgium and Ms. Yuko Suzuki, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain were invited for the conference.

During the conference, perspectives of Japanese Teacher Training in East Africa were discussed.



Japanese Movie Festival

The Japanese Movie Festival was held at the Japan Information and Culture Centre, Embassy of Japan from Thursday, 5th July to Sunday, 8th July 2018. Four movies were shown during the four days. These were: *When the Curtain Rises*, a movie that depicts a drama club which bands together in the hope of making it to the national championships, *Seto and Utsumi* a satirical comedy that follows two teenage boys whose daily routine is to spend their afterschool hours just jabbering with one another along a riverbed, *My Love Story!!*, a comedy adapted from a manga of the same name that follows the love story of clumsy but warmhearted Takeo and *The 100th Love with You*, a tragic tale of a boy Riku, who goes back in time to save his childhood friend Aoi.

Academy Award winning animation *Spirited Away*, a wondrous fantasy about a young girl named Chihiro who discovers a secret world of strange spirits, creatures and sorcery was also screened. Lastly, a documentary titled *Never Ending Man - Hayao Miyazaki*, which follows the retirement and return of the director of Spirited Away among other popular animations was also shown.

Japanese Movie Festival	
<p>SPIRITED AWAY (Academy Award winner for Best Animated Feature)</p> <p>Sunday, 8th July at 2:00pm Year: 2001 Duration: 119min Director: MIYAZAKI Hayao</p>	<p>WHEN THE CURTAIN RISES</p> <p>Thursday, 5th July at 3:00pm Saturday, 7th July at 4:15pm Year: 2013 Duration: 119min Director: MOTOHARU KUBOYAKI</p>
<p>NEVER-ENDING MAN Hayao Miyazaki</p> <p>Sunday, 8th July at 12:30pm Year: 2018 Duration: 70 min Director: AKIYAKA KIKU</p>	<p>SETO AND UTSUMI</p> <p>Thursday, 5th July at 5:15pm Sunday, 8th July at 4:30pm Year: 2018 Duration: 73 min Director: CHIKAHITO SATOH</p>
<p>MY LOVE STORY!!</p> <p>Friday, 6th July at 3:00pm Saturday, 7th July at 12:00pm Year: 2017 Duration: 102 min Director: CHIKAHITO SATOH</p>	<p>THE 100TH LOVE WITH YOU</p> <p>Friday, 6th July at 5:00pm Saturday, 7th July at 2:00pm Year: 2017 Duration: 112 min Director: TETSUYUKI SHIBU</p>

Japanese Movie Festival
Dates: 5th - 8th July 2018
Venue: Japan Information & Culture Centre,
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