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Reception for the 85th Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan



On the 5th of December, prior to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan's 85th birthday on December 23rd, a reception in honor of his birthday was held by H. E. Ambassador Toshitsugu Uesawa at his residence.

The guest of honour during the reception was Hon. Ababu Namwamba, Chief Administrative Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.

Following the singing of the national anthems of Japan and Kenya by the Japanese choir

Malaika, Ambassador Uesawa delivered a welcome speech in which he explained the recent bilateral relations between Japan and Kenya which had been significantly enhanced through the experience of TICAD VI in Nairobi, the first-ever TICAD summit meeting in Africa.

After receiving congratulatory message by the Hon. Namwamba, all the guests were welcomed to enjoy a variety of Japanese cuisine including sake, Japanese rice wine.



Japan's Contribution towards the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC)



On Tuesday, November 20th, the Government of Japan contributed to the Government of Kenya a fund towards the Sustainable Blue Economy.

This contribution presented by the Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan in Kenya, Mr. Yoshihiro Katayama, was towards the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference (SBEC).

Japan, which was the biggest donor towards the Conference, co-hosted with Kenya, the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi which was held from Monday, November 26, 2018 to Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

A free and open Indo-Pacific region is the diplomatic vision that Japan aims to foster to the Blue Economy.

Embassy of Japan Exhibition Booth during the Blue Economy Conference



On Tuesday, December 27, 2018, we were honored to have H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, together with other top Kenyan Government officials visit the Japan exhibition booth during the Blue Economy Conference.

Ambassador Uesawa's Interview by Citizen Television

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa was interviewed by Citizen Television journalist, Mr. Gatete Njoroge.

The subject of discussion was his love of the Kiswahili language.

The interview was aired on Citizen TV at 7:00pm and 9:00pm on Sunday, October 21, 2018 during the news segment "Your Story".



Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting



On October 6th and 7th, 2018 the Government of Japan, United Nations, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Bank and the African Union Commission (AUC) co-organized the TICAD Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo.

The main objectives of the meeting were to review the progress of measures announced at TICAD V and VI at the ministerial level and to prepare for TICAD7 to be held from August 28 to 30 in 2019 in Yokohama.

During the Conference, Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan held bilateral meetings with African Foreign Ministers with a view to further develop relationship with African countries.

** TICAD is a multilateral forum with participation from African countries and institutions, international development organizations and partner countries, private sector and civil society organizations.*



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the 83.3MW Olkaria I AU 6 Geothermal Power Plant



The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the 83.3MW Olkaria I AU 6 Geothermal Power Plant was held on 4th December 2018. H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta and H.E. Ambassador Toshitsugu Uesawa graced the event which was organized by the Ministry of Energy. The Power Plant is being developed by the Japanese companies Marubeni Corporation and Fuji Electric.

In his remarks, H.E. Ambassador Uesawa talked about the long and fruitful history of Japan and the Olkaria Geothermal Power Plant which spans 40 years with the development of Olkaria I Unit I. He also stressed that Japan's

cooperation with Kenya is not only evident in geothermal power projects but also other ODA projects such as the port development in Mombasa, support for education at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, and the dualling of Ngong Road among others.

Japan is committed to working 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.



A Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Project “Education and Protection for Youth in Kakuma Refugee Camp (Phase 3)”



On 30th November 2018, H.E. Mr. Toshitsugu Uesawa, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, signed, on behalf of the Government of Japan, a grant contract with the Japanese NGO, Association for Aid and Relief.

The contract of the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Project, amounting to 537,817US dollars, was signed to facilitate the implementation of the “Education and Protection for Youth in Kakuma Refugee Camp (Phase 3)”.

Kenya Japan Alumni Association (KEJAA) Study Tour to Kisumu County

During the last KEJAA AGM in August 2018, it was agreed that the members would undertake a field activity to see how individual members engage on roles to enhance socio-economic growth in various sectors in Kenya.

Kisumu County was identified to provide this platform in October, 2018 following a previous activity in Laikipia County in March 2018.

The visits covered Urudi Ratta Primary School, Sondu Miriu Hydro Power Station, Namoitiano Auto Garage Kisumu and New Kibos JICA funded KETRACO 220kV substation.

All these sites were associated with KEJAA members namely Mr. Dickens Huko, Mr. Alfred Abiero, Mr. Jonathan Omunyolo and Dr. John Mativo respectively.





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2018 Japanese Cultural Festival

The Embassy of Japan hosted the annual Japanese cultural festival on the 3rd of November 2018.

The main events were a demonstration and experience of Ikebana, which is the Japanese art of flower arrangement, and a Japan Kenya Contemporary Art Program and Exhibition. Other events were: Origami, Shodo, Yukata dressing, Japanese Language, Exhibition booths, Movie (Pop in Q), Japanese Martial Arts Demonstration and a Cosplay Runway.

The main aim of the festival is to provide valuable background information on the Japanese culture and way of life.



Citizen Television Live Show

On Friday, October 26, 2018, the Embassy of Japan participated in the live show, "Sema na Citizen", at the Royal Media Services studio.

The live show sought to give a brief introduction to the Annual Japanese Cultural Festival which aims to promote mutual friendship and understanding between Kenya and Japan by showcasing various Japanese cultural aspects to the Kenyan people.

The activities shown during the live show included a kimono session, a Japanese tea ceremony demonstration, an Ikebana demonstration, karate and judo demonstration, cosplay demonstration among other activities.



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