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## 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7)

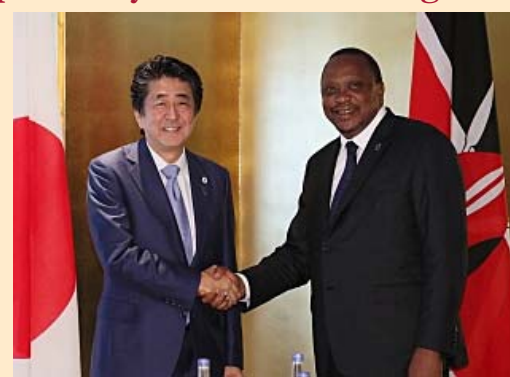
The 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) was held at the Pacifico Yokohama from August 28 to 30, 2019. There were over 10,000 participants from 53 African countries, 52 development partner countries, and 108 international organizations, public and private sector groups, NGOs, and more.

The overall theme of the Conference was Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation.

After three days of fruitful discussions, the conference ended with a closing ceremony on the 30th. At the ceremony, the Yokohama Declaration 2019 was adopted and the 2019 Yokohama Action Plan was announced as part of the documents for the declaration.



## Japan-Kenya Summit Meeting



On August 28, 2019 Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a summit meeting with H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta, in Yokoyama, Japan during TICAD 7. The two leaders exchanged views regarding cooperation in the international arena, including UN Security Council reform, and the North Korea situation.

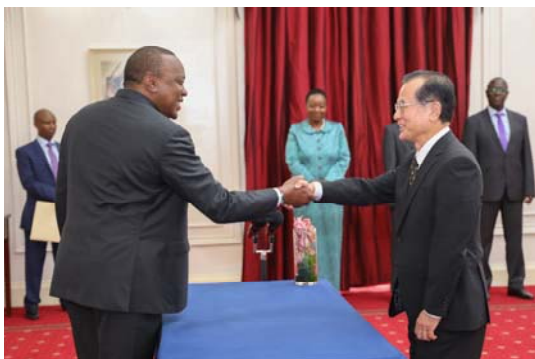
## Japan-Kenya Foreign Ministers' Meeting



On August 29, 2019 during the TICAD 7 Summit Meeting, Mr. Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a meeting with H.E. Ms. Monica Juma, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya. The two ministers exchanged views regarding cooperation in the international arena, including UN Security Council reform.

## Ambassador Presents his Credentials to H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta

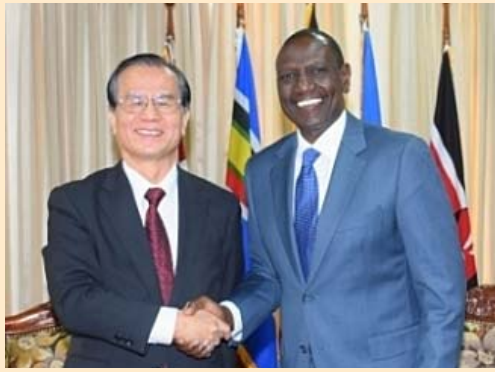
H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie presented his credentials to H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta at the State House Nairobi on July 31, 2019. At the ceremony, Ambassador Horie conveyed on behalf of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito his wishes for continued friendly relations between Japan and Kenya. Ambassador Horie took the opportunity to welcome President Kenyatta to Japan for TICAD 7 which was held in Yokohama, Japan.



President Kenyatta warmly welcomed Ambassador Horie to Kenya and reaffirmed that he would continue to work with Japan to expand the friendship for the mutual benefit of the people of Kenya and Japan.

## Courtesy Call

### Deputy President William Ruto



On 21st August 2019, H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie paid a courtesy call on H.E. William Ruto, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya.

During their meeting, they discussed various issues including the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) which was held in Yokohama from August 28th to 30th and promotion of bilateral cooperation.

### Cabinet Secretary Amb. Dr. Amina Mohamed



On 18th September 2019, H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Dr. Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage.

During their meeting, they discussed the various collaborative programs between Kenya and Japan. They also talked about their mutual desire to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between Kenya and Japan.

### Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)



On 25th July 2019, twelve Japanese volunteers paid a courtesy call on H. E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie at the Embassy of Japan. The volunteers will work with the local communities in various counties in Kenya. Ambassador Horie encouraged the volunteers to discharge their duties to the best of their abilities with a view to cultivate friendship and mutual understanding between Kenya and Japan.

## Support of the Development of Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the Construction of Mombasa Gate Bridge

On September 20 2019, H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie and Hon. Ukur Yatani, Acting Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury and Planning signed and exchanged documents on the following concessional loan projects and a grant assistance project:



1. Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development Project ( I ) 【Concessional Loan Project: 37.09 billion JPY (about 350 million USD)】
2. Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction Project ( I ) 【Concessional Loan Project: 47.80 billion JPY (about 450 million USD)】
3. Project for Infrastructure Development in Mombasa Special Economic Zone at Dongo Kundu Area 【Grant Assistance: 6 billion JPY (about 57 million USD)】

These projects aim to support of the Development of Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the Construction of Mombasa Gate Bridge.

## Exchange Notes signing on the Blue Growth Initiative Project to be carried out in Kenya, Comoros, Seychelles, Madagascar and Mauritius

On Thursday, 22nd August, 2019 in Nairobi, H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie and Dr. Gabriel Rugalema, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Representative in the Republic of Kenya signed the Exchange Notes (E/N) for a grant assistance.

The JPY 475 million (approximately USD 4.4 million) project funded by the Japan is expected to run for three years (from 2019 to 2022) and is estimated to have 30,000 direct beneficiaries who include small-scale fishermen and other fisheries professionals in Kenya, Comoros, Seychelles, Madagascar and Mauritius.



**Courtesy Call**

**Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF)**



On 26th August 2019, H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie received the Japan Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF) personnel at his residence. The JGSDF were dispatched under the Triangular Partnership Project with United Nations to the Humanitarian and Peace Support School in Embakasi as instructors for the Triangular Partnership Project for Africa (TPP) for a period of 12 weeks.

**Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship**



On 10th September 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie received 10 Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship recipients, who had paid him a courtesy call. Two of the students will travel to Japan under the Teacher Training Scholarship program, while the other eight, will pursue Masters and Postgraduate degrees. The 10 scholars will travel to Japan in September and October.

**National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) Officials**



On 13th September 2019, Mr. Paul Tergat, President of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) Mr. Francis Mutuku, Ag. Secretary General and Mrs. Paurvi Rawal, Athletes Representative paid a courtesy call to H.E. Ambassador Ryoichi Horie.

During their meeting, they discussed various issues relating to the road to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**Japan Celebrates Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)**



Between July and September 2019, three Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) were handed over. These were:

- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Gabina Primary School.
- The Project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Kwadadu Primary School
- The Project for the Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment for Kondoro Primary School

**Ambassador attends the 8th National Science and Technology Exhibition and Robotics Competition**



On August 09, 2019, H. E. Ambassador Mr. Horie attended the 8th National Science and Technology Exhibition and Robotics Competition at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC). The Kenya National Science Week was

organized by the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) and the Young Scientists Kenya (YSK) among other partners. Nagasaki University, in Japan, has supported the Robotics Competition over the years as the overall evaluators in addition to capacity building of lecturers and students on basic robotics under the full scholarship of the University.

The Robotics Competition is in line with the theme of TICAD 7 which is “Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation”. Japan is committed to fostering the great collaborative spirit that already exists between Kenya and Japan.





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## Culture, Sports and Education Affairs



On July 9th 2019, the Embassy of Japan had a Press Tour at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science, Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT).



On August 24th 2019, Ambassador Ryoichi Horie attended the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Kenya Japan Alumni Association (KEJAA).



On 20th September 2019, a joint workshop between Kenyan and Japanese professors and researchers from different universities was held at the JICC.



24th July 2019 marked the one year countdown to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. In celebration of this occasion, the Embassy of Japan held a 1 Year to go to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 event.



On 9th September 2019, Ambassador Horie wished well a group of 10 students from Kenya and Somalia going to Japan under the ABE Initiative & KIZUNA program. 1 Eritrean, 5 Kenyans and 1 Somali will travel to Japan under the ABE Initiative while 4 Kenyan students will travel under the KIZUNA program.



On 21st September 2019, the Study in Japan Global Network in conjunction with the Embassy of Japan in Kenya held a Study in Japan Fair at the Embassy of Japan. The 2019 Japanese Movie Festival was held concurrently with the Fair.

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