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### Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone and Launch of the Construction works for Dongo Kundu Bypass



The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone and Launch of the Construction works for Dongo Kundu Bypass was held in Mombasa County on 18th October 2019. The Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone project is one of the flagship projects of Kenya's VISION 2030. Upon completion of this project, Mombasa is expected to develop into a world class industrial hub and a gateway city for the entire Eastern and Central Africa.

H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya was the Chief Guest at the event. President Uhuru Kenyatta expressed his gratitude for support and cooperation from Japan.

In his remarks, H.E. Mr. Horie Ryoichi, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya reiterated Japan's commitment in supporting the BIG 4 agenda, Kenya's development blueprint by President Uhuru Kenyatta, and stressed that Japan wants to make Mombasa SEZ development of world-class with the Government of the Republic of Kenya.

### Press conference to launch the Japan-Kenya Business Dialogue



On 15th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi and Dr. Moses Ikiara, Managing Director, Kenya Investment Authority held a press conference to launch the Japan-Kenya Business Dialogue of Kenya Investment Authority.

H.E. Ambassador Horie was delighted to kick off the Dialogue which, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta and H.E. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe agreed to establish during the TICAD- 7 held in Yokohama, Japan in August, 2019, as a common platform for working together to resolve various business issues affecting Japanese and Kenyan companies.

He expressed confidence that this Dialogue will definitely be a driving force for business expansion in not only both Kenya and Japan but also East Africa.

Dr. Ikiara said that he would like to see trade expand from Kenya to not only Japan but also within Africa as a result of this dialogue.

He acknowledged the need for collaboration between Japanese and Kenyan companies.

### Japan Self Defense Force (JSDF) Day Reception 2019



On 4th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi hosted the 'Japan Self Defense Forces Day Reception' to commemorate the founding of the Japan Self Defense Forces (JSDF).

This reception, which is held annually, also serves to promote an understanding of JSDF's activities which emphasize on Peace and Stability around the world, and especially in Africa and to further strengthen the relationship between Japan and Kenya.

## Signing Ceremony for the Project for advancing the enrolment and retention rate of Secondary school of youths in Kalobeyei and Kakuma



On 23rd December, Mr. Katayama Yoshihiro, former Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Japan to the Republic of Kenya, signed a grant contract with the Association for

Aid and Relief, a Japanese NGO.

The contract of amounting to 536,992US dollars, was signed to facilitate the implementation of the “E Project for advancing the enrolment and retention rate of Secondary school of youth in Kalobeyei and Kakuma, Republic of Kenya”.

## Handing Over Ceremony for the Project for the Expansion and Upgrade of Mang’u Dispensary

On 4th December, H.E. Mr. Horie Ryoichi, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya officially handed over the Project for the



Expansion and Upgrade of Mang’u Dispensary at Mang’u, Gatundu North Sub-County, in Kiambu County. H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta was in attendance as a main guest of honour of the

ceremony. The project received a grant amount of USD 88,863 by Japan.

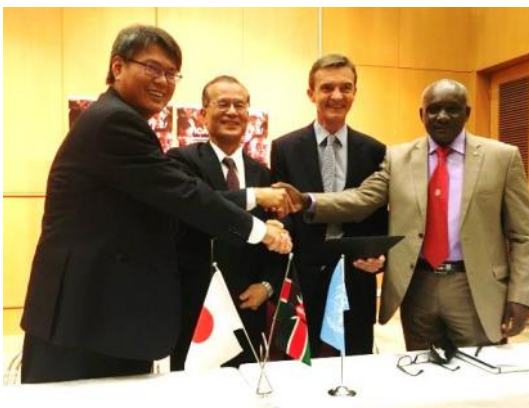
## Handing Over Ceremony for over the project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Ntولو Primary School



On 26th November, H.E. Mr. Horie, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya handed over the project for the Development of Educational Infrastructure at Ntولو Primary

School at Moita Location, Narok. The school received USD 85,949 through Grant for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the construction of classrooms, desks and water tanks.

## Exchange Notes signing for Grant Assistance Project “Enhancing Trade Facilitation and Border Control Capacity in East Africa”



On 1st November, 2019 H.E. Mr. Horie Ryoichi, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya and Mr. Rainer Frauenfeld, Director, UNOPS Kenya Multi Country Office signed the Exchange of Notes (E/N) for the Grant Assistance

Project “Enhancing Trade Facilitation and Border Control Capacity in East Africa”.

The Government of Japan funded the JPY 351 million (approximately KHS 335 million) project for the purpose of providing equipment such as X-ray baggage scanners, patrol boats and vehicles for the five EAC countries - Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda in order to strengthen the function of facilitating trade across these countries, appropriating customs clearance and preventing illegal imports and exports.

Major (Rtd) Samuel Muraya Kariuki, Deputy Commissioner, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) who participated as an observer, expressed great appreciation for the many years of support from Japan to EAC's efforts in taking countermeasures against terrorism.

## Handing over ceremony for Grant Assistance Project “Economic and Social Development Programme – Provision of Patrol Motor Boats to Maritime Police Unit”

A handing over ceremony for the “Economic and Social Development Programme - Provision of Patrol Motor Boats to Maritime Police Unit” was held in Mombasa County on 2nd October 2019.

Mr. Edward Mbugua, Deputy Inspector General Kenya Police Service and other high level officials attended the ceremony.

In his remarks, H.E. Mr. Horie Ryoichi, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya maintained that Japan was pleased to handover seventeen patrol motorboats which are required as a vital component of Kenya's plans and efforts to improve its maritime security.

He also stressed that Japan continues to contribute to the “Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)” and the sustainable blue economy to boost Africa's efforts in attaining peace and stability.





On 2nd October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call on Hon. Hassan Joho, Governor of Mombasa County.



On 3rd October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call on Mr. Najib Balala, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife.



On 3rd October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call on Prof. George Albert Omoro Magoha, Cabinet Secretary for Education.



On Monday, 7th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call on Amb. Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Defence.



On 8th October, Ambassador Horie held a meeting with Mrs. Rebecca Miano, MD & CEO KENGEN and conducted a site visit to the Olkaria Geothermal Power Plants.



On 11th October, seven JICA volunteers who have completed their 2 years activity paid a courtesy call on H. E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi at the Embassy of Japan.



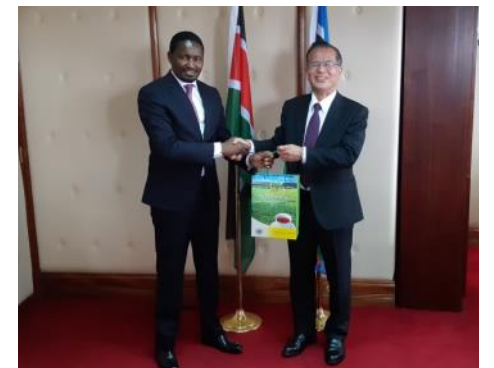
On Wednesday, 16th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call on Mrs. Sicily Kariuki, Cabinet Secretary for Health.



H. E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi and Mrs. Horie Yuko attended the Mashujaa Day celebrations at the Mama Ngina Waterfront in Mombasa on 20th October 2019.



On 25th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi visited KEMRI and the Kenya Research Station of Nagasaki University Institute of Tropical Medicine.



On 30th October 2019, H.E. Ambassador Horie Ryoichi paid a courtesy call to Hon. Mwangi Kiunjuri, Cabinet Secretary for



On 2nd December, Ambassador Horie paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Raphael Tuju, Cabinet Secretary without Portfolio and



On December 19, 2019, six Japanese volunteers paid a courtesy call on Counsellor Kitagawa Yasuhisa at the



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## Culture, Sports and Education Affairs



On Saturday, 7th December, 2019, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Kenya in collaboration with the Kenya Judo Association (KJA) held the Second Judo Japanese Ambassadors Cup at the Nairobi Japanese School.



This year, through the assistance of the Embassy of Japan in Kenya, the Kenya Japan Alumni Association (KEJAA) organized an education tour to Mombasa between the 7th and 10th November 2019.



On November 2nd 2019, the Embassy of Japan held the first Japan Day at the Nairobi National Museum. About 2,000 groups and individuals attended the event. The theme was Food Culture and Sports and thus encouraged people to become healthy through the day.



On October 5th 2019, the Embassy of Japan held a Paper Printmaking Workshop for Children facilitated by Ms. Shiomi, a Print Maker based in the United Kingdom. The aim of the workshop was to foster an enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts among the youth.



On October 3rd the Embassy of Japan and the Department of Fine Art and Design at Kenyatta University held a Woodcut Print Lecture and Demonstration. The purpose was to introduce Kenyan artists to the traditional methods of Japanese UKIYO-E woodcut printmaking.

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