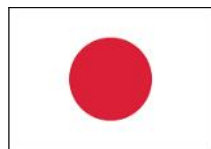


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Foreign Minister Motegi’s Courtesy Call on H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta



On January 13th, 2021, Mr. MOTEGI Toshimitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya. President Kenyatta welcomed Minister

Motegi for visiting from Japan, which has had a long history of partnership with Kenya. Minister Motegi in turn expressed his pleasure at visiting Kenya and stated that Japan would continue to cooperate with Kenya.

During the meeting, both Minister Motegi and President Kenyatta shared their views on pushing ahead with cooperating in areas including bilateral economic cooperation, human resources development, a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” and blue economy, TICAD8 to be held next year, peace and stability in the Horn of Africa, and the United Nations Security Council reform.

Japan-Kenya Foreign Ministers’ Meeting

On January 13th, 2021, Japan’s Foreign Minister, Mr. Motegi, held a Meeting with Ambassador Raychelle Omamo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



During their meeting, the two Ministers exchanged views on the situation in the Horn of Africa as well as the United Nations Security Council reform and shared the view on reinforcing cooperation.

Foreign Minister Motegi’s Meeting with Ambassador Dr. Amina Mohamed



On January 13th, 2021, Foreign Minister Motegi, held a meeting with Ambassador Dr. Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage of the Republic of Kenya.

During their meeting, Ambassador Dr. Amina Mohamed stated that she was pleased to meet Minister Motegi again in Kenya.

In response, Minister Motegi commended the achievement of Ambassador Amina Mohamed in bringing about the success of TICAD VI, the first TICAD Meeting held in Africa, by closely working with Japan as the then Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Minister Motegi shared with Ambassador Amina Mohamed that many Kenyan athletes achieved great success in Japan and that the bilateral relations in the field of sports were steadily growing.

In response, Ambassador Amina stated that the overall bilateral relations were advancing steadily through sports and cultural exchanges, and that she hoped to cooperate with Japan for a successful Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Three robots, with support from the Government of Japan, are launched to enhance Kenya's fight against COVID-19



On January 22nd, 2021, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) with financial support from the Government of Japan launched a smart anti-epidemic robot solution. The three robots, named 'Tumaini' (Hope), 'Jasiri' (courageous) and 'Shujaa' (hero) are expected to provide support to the Kenyan frontline healthcare workers in their arduous efforts to combat against COVID-19.

This project is a part of the Government of Japan's ongoing efforts to support the Kenyan people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously, Japan has assisted Kenya in the provision of PCR testing kits with a capacity of 50,000 tests to KEMRI, the procurement of medical equipment and the provision of grant aid for the development of electric power distribution system. The total amount of Japan's COVID-related aid to Kenya so far is more than KES 10 billion.

Government of Japan and UN Women mark new project to enhance women's resilience



H.E. Ambassador Horie signed the Exchange of Notes (E/N) for 'The Project for

Enhancing Women's Resilience in Refugee Camps and Host Communities' with Ms. Anna Mutavati, Kenya Country Director for UN Women at the Embassy of Japan on February 10th, 2021. This project aims to raise awareness of the underestimated status of women and girls through advocacy campaigns. The project targets different groups including community leaders and male groups. This project is to be implemented in

partnership with various actors including the Government of Kenya, County Governments of Turkana and Garissa, UN sister agencies, as well as Japanese NGOs and companies.

Through financing this project, the Government of Japan affirms its support for building resilience and strengthening self-reliance for both local communities and for refugee communities in Kenya.

The Planetary Health Africa-Japan Strategic and Collaborative Education (PHASE) Programme at Nagasaki University Opening Ceremony



H.E. Ambassador HORIE attended the online opening ceremony of the PHASE Programme on January 28th, 2021. The

Programme aims at developing human resources who will become leaders able to solve global issues by building practical and strategic inter-university networks on planetary health and bridging Japan and Africa. Partnerships have already been established between Nagasaki University in Japan and Kenyatta University, Maseno University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) and the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI).

Ambassador Horie attends the Closing Ceremony of the Strategic Maritime Security and Blue Economy Course



On February 26th, 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE attended the virtual Closing Ceremony of the Strategic Maritime Security and Blue Economy Course at the

International Peace Support Training Center, IPSTC. Colonel Magahanga, Director of the Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS) attended the Ceremony of behalf of Brig. C. L. Mwazighe, the Director of IPSTC.

IPSTC has played a pivotal role in enhancing the capacity of Kenyan maritime security. In his remarks, Ambassador Horie talked about the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" Policy, which aims to promote stability and prosperity of the international community by improving the connectivity of Asia and Africa through free and open oceans.

Japanese Ambassador's Commendation Ceremony



On December 9th, 2020, H.E. Ambassador Horie awarded the Japanese Ambassador's Commendation to the following four people for their contribution towards the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the Republic of Kenya through their activities.

The Commendation Recipients are (alphabetically)

- Ambassador Dennis Awori (Former Ambassador of Kenya to Japan)
- The late Mr. Endo Yoshitaka (Former Managing Director of DoDo World Kenya Ltd)
- Dr. Kumon Kazuko (Representative of the Garden of Siloam)
- Prof. Yeri Kombe (Director of Kenya Medical Research Institute, KEMRI)

Handover Ceremony for the Construction of DADREG Community Training Centre



The handing over ceremony for this project was held at the Dandora Dumpsite Rehabilitation Group (DADREG) Community Centre in Nairobi on December 10th, 2020. The Embassy of Japan granted DADREG about KES 9 million for the construction of a training facility and the provision of furniture.

DADREG, which was established in 2012, launched vocational training services for enhancing self-reliance of the targeted women by income generation. Through the construction of a new facility, DADREG has expanded its vocational training to provide 10 courses for 200 women and youth who depend on the dumpsite and also residents of Dandora. Trainees will obtain knowledge and skills through technical and vocational education provided at affordable fees.

The signing ceremony of the Grant Contracts for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects



On February 26th, 2021, the signing ceremony of the Grant Contracts (G/C) for the

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was held at the Embassy of Japan.

The G/Cs were signed by H.E. Ambassador Horie and the representatives of: Asante Africa Foundation-Kenya, International Aid Services-Kenya, Kanacho Nomadic Educational Foundation, Ndagene Boys High School and Simotwet Secondary School. Upon completion of the projects, more than 3,200 students will benefit from the facilities.

Signing Ceremony for the Project for "Improvement of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services by Improving the Clinic in East Kisumu Ward, Kisumu West Sub-County, Kisumu County, Kenya (Phase 3)"



On February 24th, 2021, H.E. Ambassador Horie, signed a G/C with Mr. NISHIOKA Teppei, Country Representative of the Japanese NGO, Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO), for the Project 'Improvement of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Services by Improving the Clinic in East Kisumu Ward, Kisumu West Sub-County, Kisumu County, Kenya (Phase-3)' amounting to about KES 47 million (USD 516,604).

This project will contribute to reducing the high maternal and infant mortality rates in Kisumu County. It will improve the maternal health environment at Airport Health Centre and Usoma Health Centre. It will also facilitate in the spread of maternal and child health knowledge to the community through capacity building of Community Health Volunteers (CHVs).

Japan-Kenya Cultural Exchange: Amb. Amina Mohamed's Visit to Amb. Horie's Residence



On December 4th, 2020, H.E. Ambassador and Madam Horie received Ambassador

Amina Mohamed, the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Sports, Culture, and Heritage and her family at his Residence. Ambassador Horie introduced aspects of Japanese culture such as "Sado (Tea Ceremony)", "Ikebana (Flower Arrangement)" and "Origami". During the visit, Ambassador Horie and Ambassador Amina Mohamed confirmed the cooperation between Japan and Kenya for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2021.

Japan-Kenya Cultural and Sports Exchange: Olympians' Visit to Amb. Horie's Residence



On February 25th, 2021, H.E. Ambassador and Madam Horie received Olympians and executives of

the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK), including Mr. Paul Tergat, President of NOCK and Mr. Waithaka Kioni, Chef de Mission of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, at his Residence. Mr. Suguru Osako, a Japanese athlete who is currently training in Kenya also joined them. Ambassador Horie appreciated the arduous efforts made by the athletes so far and extended his best wishes for their performances at the Tokyo Games.

Japan-Kenya Cultural Exchange: University of Nairobi and USIU Professors' Visit to the Amb. Horie's Residence



On January 21st, 2021, H.E. Ambassador and Madam

Horie received at their Residence professors from the University of Nairobi and the United States International University, Africa (USIU). The visiting group included Prof. (Amb.) Ruthie Rono, Deputy Vice Chancellor of USIU and Prof. Mohamud Jama, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences of University of Nairobi.

Mr. Fukudome Kenichi awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendations for excellent Chefs for Ambassadors/Consul-Generals of Japan abroad



On December 1st, 2020, Mr. FUKUDOME Kenichi was awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendations for excellent Chefs for Ambassadors/Consul-Generals of Japan abroad.

Mr. Fukudome Kenichi is among the 9 chefs who were awarded commendations for their exceptional skills and contributions to Japanese diplomacy.

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