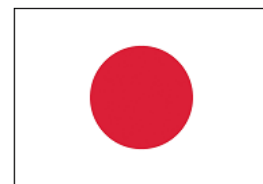


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H.E. Ambassador and Madam HORIE attended the Flag Handover Ceremony to Cheer the Kenyan Athletes Prior to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

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On 8th July 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi and Madam HORIE attended the Flag Handover Ceremony held at State House Nairobi.

The event was hosted by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta to cheer the Kenyan athletes who participated in the recently concluded Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Olympic Games were held from 23rd July to 8th August 2021, and the Paralympic Games were held from 24th August to 5th September 2021.

Also in attendance at the

ceremony were Ambassador Amina Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Culture and Heritage, Ambassador Rachel Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Paul Tergat, President of the National Olympic Committee of Kenya.

Ambassador Horie expressed his respect for the Kenyan athletes who had made great efforts in their preparations and training towards the Games despite the extreme uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ambassador Horie wished the athletes the best of luck in their performance in Tokyo.

Handing Over of Cold Chain Vaccine Equipment by the Government of Japan



On 7th September 2021, the Embassy of Japan together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) handed over to the Ministry of Health 12 pieces of Ultra Low Temperature equipment, including freezers and other devices to be used for the storage of COVID-19 vaccines that require very low temperatures.

The equipment was procured by UNICEF with funding support from the Government of Japan as its global vaccine initiative called “Last One Mile Support”, which leverages Japan’s longstanding experience of medical logistics to ensure equitable access and swift distribution of vaccines in the world.

During the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador HORIE expressed his appreciation for the speedy and successful collaborated procurement, and emphasised that “proper storage facilities and a good management system are critical for effective distribution of the vaccines.”

In April this year, Japan also donated about 212 million Kenya Shillings to Kenya through UNICEF for the improvement of the cold chain capacity for COVID-19 vaccines roll out.

Ambassador and Madam HORIE’S Interview on KBC

On 6th September 2021, H. E. Ambassador HORIE and Madam Horie were on the Good Morning Kenya talk show on KBC. During his interview with the Programme Host, Mr. Victor Oloo, Ambassador Horie talked about Japan’s economic and technical cooperation with Kenya and some of the Embassy’s activities such as cultural events held at his Official Residence.

Ambassador Horie also expressed his appreciation for Team Kenya for their participation and congratulated the Kenyan athletes on their outstanding performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which officially closed just a day before the interview.

The interview concluded with Ambassador Horie explaining why he decided to incorporate singing in his diplomatic activities in Kenya and became known as the “singing Ambassador”. Ambassador Horie and his spouse, Madam Yuko finally performed Eric Wainaina’s famous song “Daima” live in the studio.



Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for “The Project for the Construction of a Comprehensive Care Centre for Children with Special Needs”

On 13th August 2021, a GGP signing ceremony was held at the Ambassador’s residence where H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi, and Dr. KUMON Kazuko, the representative of The Garden of Siloam, signed a Grant Contract amounting to approx. KES 18million which will be utilised for the construction of a comprehensive care centre for children with special needs in Kiambu county.

Since its inception, The Garden of Siloam has been tireless in their efforts to accommodate children with special needs at their centre, where they provide high quality education, personalised health care, therapy, psychological and social support to the children and their families.

With the funding from the Government of Japan, the Centre will benefit 70 children with special needs and 280 family members by providing appropriate medical care and other services, which will contribute to improving their overall well being, quality of life and social engagement in the community.



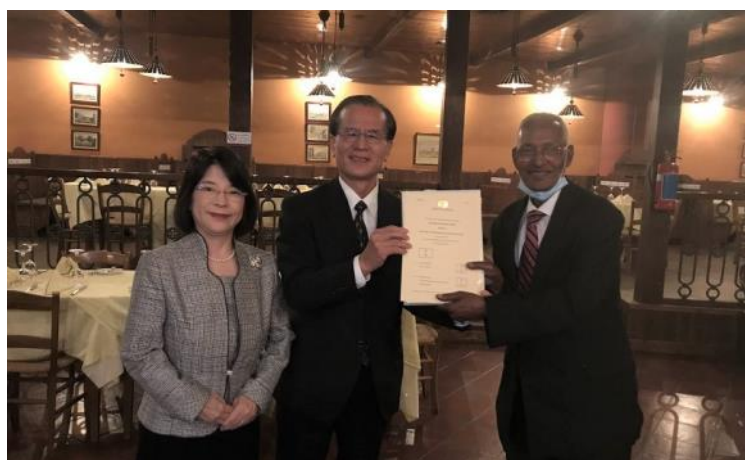
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H.E. Ambassador HORIE wishes the best of luck to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Athletes

Japan's Participation in Cutlass Express21, a Multinational Maritime Exercise Sponsored by the United States

From July 26th to August 6th 2021, the United States Africa Command sponsored Multinational Maritime Exercise Cutlass Express21 was held in Kenya, Seychelles, Djibouti, Madagascar, and Mauritius. Defense Attaché, CDR KATSUMATA, from the Embassy of Japan in Kenya attended the exercise.

Cutlass Express21 is one of the largest exercises conducted in the East African region and 18 countries, including Japan, participated in the exercise.

Japan and Kenya have cooperated each other in the field of maritime security. For example, training fleet of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force called at Mombasa Port in 2016, and the Government of Japan provided 17 patrol boats to the newly established Kenya Coast Guard in 2019.

The Government of Japan is seeking progress toward "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" that aims to realise peace and stability in the international community through the connection between Asia and Africa.



Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)



On 23rd September 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi attended the handing over ceremony for “The Project of Construction of Classrooms and a Water Facility at Qoloba Primary School” in Moyale Sub-County, Marsabit County.

The Embassy of Japan provided about KES 8.3 million to Kanacho Nomadic Educational Foundation through the Grant Assistance for GGP to construct classrooms and a water storage tank to enhance educational environment for pupils.

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On 11th August 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi attended the handing over ceremony for “The Project for Reconstruction of Kaghmuu Primary School” in West Pokot County.

With funds of approximately KES 8 million for the construction of 6 classrooms. Kaghmuu Primary School achieved to create an environment where pupils can study in a more comfortable and efficient manner.

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On 17th August 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi signed a Grant Contract with Mr. Stephen Abebe, CEO of Integrated Development Facility (IDF). IDF received a grant of approximately KES 11.7 million from the Government of Japan.

The organisation in collaboration with YAMAHA Motor Co., Ltd. will supply clean water in Seka Kagwa Village in Homa Bay County by installing a water purification facility.

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On 11th August 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi signed a Grant Contract for “The Project for the Construction of Classrooms at Ortum Boys Secondary School” with Mr. Simion Kiprotich Tiony, the school principal. H.E. Hon. Prof. Lonyangapuo, Governor of the West Pokot County attended the ceremony.

Through this grant, which amounted to approximately KES 9 million, seven new classrooms will be constructed which will assist in providing a conducive learning environment for the students.

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Courtesy Call by Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Recipients

On 13th September 2021, H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi received a courtesy call from 10 Japanese Government Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship recipients.

Some of the MEXT beneficiaries will pursue Master’s and PhD degrees while others will attend the Teacher Training Scholarship programme. The students are scheduled to leave for Japan in September and October.



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