

FAREWELL REMARKS BY H.E. AMBASSADOR HORIE

It was in July 2019 that I arrived at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in the company of my wife. This was after a span of about 40 years since my first visit to the country as our honeymoon destination when I was a young diplomat who had just started to explore my career passion.

Since then, two and half years later, I am now concluding my tenure as the Japanese Ambassador to Kenya at the end of this year. This also wraps up my 43-year diplomatic career.

Kenya has been enjoying her position as one of Japan's closest partners for the past decades. In this restive region, it is remarkable that Kenya has successfully achieved political transitions through democratic elections since her independence. This promotes democratic values and principles, and most importantly peace and stability. This is what Japan always emphasises on when we refer to Kenya's values. I sincerely pay my tribute to the positive impact Kenya has had on the region and offer reassurance that Japan will continue to support Kenya's role and commitment in the region.

It is a great honour for me to have my finale here in Kenya, the most important country for Japan in Africa.



H.E. AMBASSADOR HORIE'S FAREWELL MEETING WITH H.E. PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA



On 7th December 2021, Amb. and Madam Horie paid a farewell courtesy call on H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta at the State House Nairobi. During their meeting, Amb. Horie expressed his appreciation to President Kenyatta and his hope that the cordial support and assistance



between Kenya and Japan would continue to further develop. Ambassador and Madam Horie also performed Kiswahili songs for the President.

FAREWELL RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF H.E. AMBASSADOR HORIE



On 26th November 2021, Amb. and Madam Horie hosted their farewell reception at his residence. The reception was attended by Amb. Macharia Kamau, PS for Foreign Affairs, members of the Diplomatic Corps, officials from the Government of Kenya as well as guests from the public and private sector.



Amb. Horie expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya, and his appreciation for the work related support and the warm friendship that was extended to him during his tour of duty in Kenya. Amb. and Madam Horie performed Kiswahili songs with their friend musician Eric Wainaina.

GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS (GGP)

Introduced in 1989, the GGP fund aims to provide financial assistance to NGOs, local government authorities and NPOs for implementing projects at community level. Amb. Horie has traveled to about 15 counties to attend grant contract signing and handover ceremonies of schools, factories, and clinics during his tenure in Kenya.



Signing ceremony for project (11) with Dr. Kumon from The Garden of Siloam

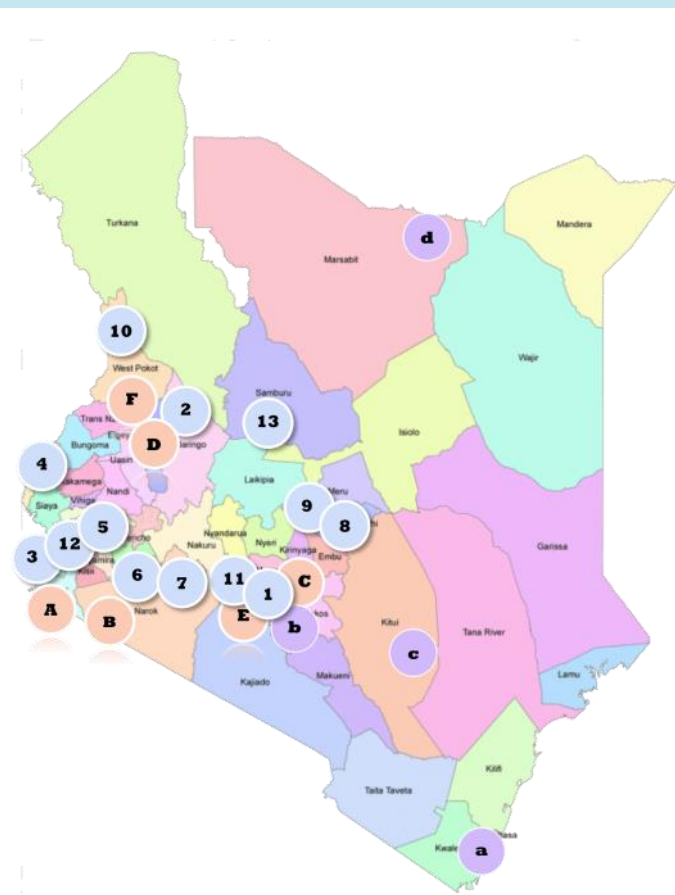


Handing-over ceremony for project (B) with Narok County Governor



Signing ceremony for project (10) with West Pokot County Governor

GGP PROJECTS OVERSEEN BY H.E. AMBASSADOR HORIE RYOICHI



Handing-over ceremony for project (d) with Amb. and Mrs. Ukur Yatani



Handing-over ceremony for project (a) with Kwale County Governor

GGP GRANT CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONIES

1. Expansion of a Children's Ward at AIC CURE International Hospital (Kiambu County)
2. Construction of a Girl's Dormitory at Claude Academy (Baringo County)
3. Construction of two Dormitories and Perimeter Wall at Ogande Special School for the Mentally Handicapped (Homa Bay County)
4. Construction of two Dormitories at Kakapel Special School for Hearing Impairment (Busia County)
5. Construction of Educational Infrastructure at Nyang Primary School (Kisumu County)
6. Construction of Classrooms and Girl's Dormitory and Simotwet Secondary School (Narok County)
7. Construction of Classrooms and Toilets at Oloorng'anayio Primary School (Narok County)
8. Sustainable Water Supply for 5 Schools (Tharaka Nithi County)
9. Construction of Dormitory at Ndagene Boys High School (Meru County)
10. Construction of Classrooms at Ortum Boys Secondary School (West Pokot County)
11. Construction of a Comprehensive Care Centre for Children with Special Needs (Kiambu County)
12. Improvement of Safe Water Access in Seka Kagwa (Homa Bay County)
13. Construction of Educational Infrastructure and a Water Facility at Garma Primary School (Samburu County)

GGP GRANT CONTRACT SIGNING AND HANDOVER CEREMONIES

- a. Improvement of Boarding Facilities at Ng'onzini Primary School (Kwale County)
- b. Construction of Mother and Child Health Clinic and HIV/TB Centre at Reinha Rosary Mission Health Centre (Machakos County)
- c. Increased Output and Profits of Smallholder Farmers through Value-added Improved Kienyeji Chicken (Kitui County)
- d. Construction of Classrooms and Water Facility at Qoloba Primary School (Marsabit County)

GGP HANDOVER CEREMONIES

- A. Improvement of Educational and Hygienic Environment for Kondoro Primary School (Migori County)
- B. Development of Educational Infrastructure at Ntoluo Primary School (Narok County)
- C. Expansion and Upgrade of Mang'u Dispensary (Kiambu County)
- D. Improvement of Livelihoods of Kerio Valley Communities through Establishment of a Fruit Value Addition Facility (Elgeyo Marakwet County)
- E. Construction of DADREG Community Training Centre (Nairobi County)
- F. Reconstruction of Kaghmuu Primary School (West Pokot County)

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Japan contributes to the sustainable and equitable social development of Kenya through its support in addressing Kenya's challenges while respecting ownership, leading to a further enhanced partnership between the two countries. To assist in achieving this, Amb. Horie has signed more than Kshs 100 billion in loans and grants to Kenya during his tenure.

SUPPORT FOR DONGO KUNDU SEZ AND MOMBASA GATE BRIDGE



Caption: Ground Breaking Ceremony

On 20th September 2019, Amb. Horie and Hon. Yatani, CS for Treasury, signed and exchanged documents on concessional loan and grant assistance projects for the:

- Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development (SEZ)
- Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction
- Infrastructure Development in Mombasa SEZ at Dongo Kundu

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT ACCELERATION



Caption: The 2nd Japan-Kenya Business Dialogue (On 12th March 2020)



Caption: The 2nd Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum (On 7th and 8th December 2021)

SUPPORT FOR RENOVATION OF AGRICULTURE LAB BUILDING AT JKUAT



On 7th June 2021, Amb. Horie attended at the handover ceremony of the Agriculture Laboratory Building (ALB) at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) with Prof. Magoha, CS for Education. The project will strengthen the knowledge and skills of students and staff of JKUAT and the Pan African Union Institute of Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI).

JAPAN'S COMMITMENT TO FOIP

During TICAD VI which was held in Nairobi, Japan announced the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" (FOIP) Initiative. Japan intentionally chose Kenya as a place to launch this crucial policy for global peace and prosperity, as the country provides a gateway to East and Central Africa, with an abundant young population full of potential.

HANDING OVER OF PATROL MOTOR BOATS TO KENYA COAST GUARD SERVICE (KCGS)



On 2nd October 2019, 17 patrol motor boats were handed over to the newly established KCGS as a part of a Grant Assistance for Economic and Social Development stemming from Japan's continued contribution to FOIP thus assisting Kenya's efforts to improve maritime security. This project also aligns with Kenya's initiative on Blue Economy.

FOREIGN MINISTER MOTEGI'S COURTESY CALL ON H.E. PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA



On 13th January 2021, during their meeting, both Minister Motegi and President Kenyatta shared their views on pushing ahead with cooperating in areas including bilateral economic cooperation, human resources development, FOIP and blue economy.

SUPPORT FOR FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19



On 27th August 2020, Amb. Horie and Hon. Yatani signed an Exchange of Notes for the Health Sector Policy Loan for Attainment of the Universal Health Coverage (Phase 2)



On 3rd June 2021, Amb. Horie handed over PCR Test Kits with Hon. Kagwe, CS for Health

CULTURAL EVENTS

Culture, alongside politics and the economy, is an important field within Japan's diplomacy, and its role has become more and more important in recent years. To this end, Amb. Horie has proactively worked to further a variety of initiatives including exchange and cooperation within the cultural field as well as supporting international exchange activities.



Amb. and Madam Horie & Eric Wainaina playing "Daima" together



Amb. Amina Mohamed, CS for Sports, enjoyed Japanese "origami" at Amb. Horie's residence



Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Flag Handover Ceremony



The 1st Japan Day in 2019 with Amb. Amina Mohamed and her family



Judo Japanese Ambassadors Cup in 2019



Amb. and Madam Horie's Interview on KBC



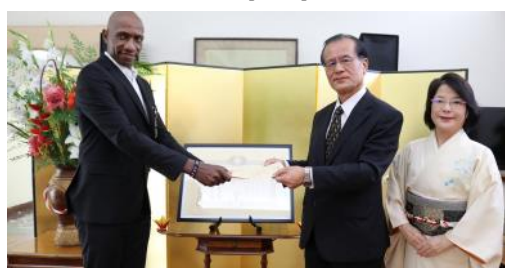
Courtesy Call by Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship Recipients

"My long diplomatic career has taught me the fundamental significance of people-to-people understanding through mutual respect. It was a great pleasure that I could embody this value through music in the interaction with Kenyan people. Asanteni sana watu wote niliokutana nao nchini Kenya."

H.E. Ambassador HORIE Ryoichi



Youth from Kenya and Somalia gather for the ABE Initiative and the KIZUNA program Send-off Ceremony



Conferment of Decoration Ceremony of Mr. Douglas Wakihuri



Conferment of Decoration Ceremony of Amb. Dennis Awori



Conferment of Decoration Ceremony of Prof. Miriam Were



Ambassador's Commendation to Mr. Andy Thomas



Ambassador's Commendation to Amb. Dennis Awori



Ambassador's Commendation to the late Mr. ENDO Yoshitaka



Ambassador's Commendation to Dr. KUMON Kazuko



Ambassador's Commendation to Prof. Yeri Kombe

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