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## Mombasa's second container terminal phase II ready

**CHARLES MGHENYI**/The second phase of the multi-billion shilling second container terminal will be commissioned in June.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) management on Wednesday said the Japanese contractor, Toyo Construction Company Limited, has completed the project.

A handing-over ceremony will be done soon after KPA and relevant government authorities inspect the project, according to KPA officials.

On Tuesday, a team from Toyo's head office comprising of Hironori Sahara, the Civil Construction Division Manager and Shuichi Aikawa, General Manager Internal Division confirmed to KPA that the terminal is ready.

Others present at the meeting were Harou Yoshida, Toyo Mombasa Port Development Project Manager and Yuoichi Yoshino, the Deputy Project Manager.

They made the announcement during a meeting with KPA's Gener-

al Managers Sudi Mwasinago (Cargo operations) and Abdullahi Samatar (Infrastructure Development).

"Toyo Construction which has been undertaking the construction of the Second Container Terminal at the Port of Mombasa has confirmed that the second phase is complete and ready for operations," said KPA in a statement.

The construction of the new Sh35 billion facility has been underway since September 2018.

The project was financed through a government-to-government loan facility from the Japanese government under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica).

Kenya will repay it back over a 40-year period.

The completion of the second phase has increased the port's annual capacity by 450,000 containers, bringing the total annual capacity to 2.1 million containers.

The first phase of the three-phased



A section of the Second Container Terminal at the Port of Mombasa /KPA

project, which was completed in February 2016 and commissioned for operations in September 2016, increased the port's annual capacity by 550,000 containers.

The Sh28 billion first phase of the project increased the port capacity to 1.63 million containers from the initial 1.08 million containers before the project kicked off. The second container terminal, located on 100 acres at Kilindini Harbour, will help ease congestion

at the port of Mombasa.

The third and final phase of the Mombasa Port second container terminal is expected to kick off next year, setting the port on track to achieving a capacity of 2.5 million containers annually.

On final completion, the facility will have three berths with quay lengths of 230, 320 and 350 metres. This provides room for the docking of the largest cargo ships.