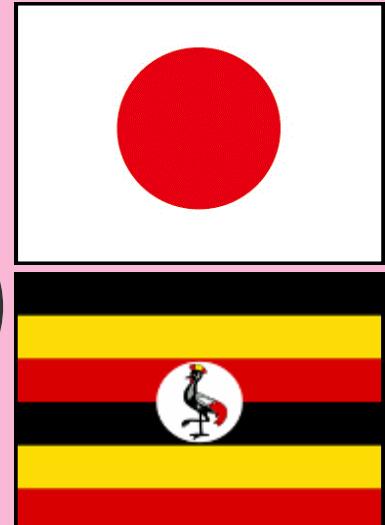




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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

I recently organized a dinner at my Residence for former Ugandan students studied at Japanese universities and other schools who returned to the country. Their affection towards Japan and Japanese people indeed impressed me. The fact that some of them speak Japanese language so fluently was very comfortable surprise. I am determined that the Embassy should keep in touch with them more closely.

NEW MEMBER AT THE EMBASSY

Mr. Naohiro NOZAKA *New Head of Economic Cooperation*

Hello, everyone!

I arrived in Kampala on 11 March 2018 and started to work at the Economic Cooperation Section of the Japanese Embassy in Uganda. I am so happy to come back to Africa (I have lived in Burkina Faso, Angola and Rwanda before.) and am looking forward to meeting you all soon and working with you.



EVENTS IN MARCH

MARCH 1: SEVEN NEW GGP PROJECTS SIGNED TO COMMENCE

On 1st March, Ambassador signed six new grant contracts at the Embassy of Japan for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totaling over 2 Billion Uganda shillings (US\$ 581,113) with the representatives of the recipient organizations. The new projects will be implemented in Yumbe, Hoima, Kotido, Alebtong, and Kasese district. With the six new projects signed, the number of projects implemented in Uganda through GGP reached 235, among which 70 are in Northern Uganda, 58 in Central, 59 in West, 48 in East.



MARCH 6: FIRE ENGINE FROM JAPAN HANDED OVER AT CLOCK TOWER STATION



Ambassador Kameda attended handover ceremony of a Japanese fire engine to Uganda Police. This fire engine was donated by Minamiashigara city in cooperation with a Japanese NPO, Association of International Music Exchange for Children (AIMEC). AIMEC also brought various music instruments for Ugandan primary schools to support promoting music education in Uganda.

MARCH 7: UGANDAN STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON THEIR EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN

Ambassador Kameda invited members of **Japanese Alumni of Uganda Association (JAUA)** at his residence. Around 20 attendees talked about their experience in Japan and enjoyed authentic Japanese cuisine and rice wine. Its membership is open for any Ugandan that has studied in Japan. For more information about JAUA, please contact : info@kp.mofa.go.jp





MORE EVENTS IN MARCH

MARCH 17: GGP PROJECT IN KASESE HANDED OVER BY STATE MIN. FOR AGRICULTURE

Ambassador officiated the commissioning of "The Project for the Construction of a Maize Storage in Kasese District." The grant contract worth of 101,574 USD was signed with Mesopotamia Notre Dame Rural Development Association (MENODA), a registered community based organization, which has been collaborating with Kasese District Local Government in order to improve the living standard of farmers in the district. This project has constructed a maize storage which 10,800 maize farmers can use annually. In addition, a maize drier and its shelter, moisture meter and a truck have been provided through the project.



MARCH 21: AMBASSADOR VISITED NILE FISHING CO. LTD



Amb. Kameda visited the assembly factory of Nile Fishing Co. Ltd., a dealer of YAMAHA, on 21st. Last July, the company launched a new motorbike suitable for the African environment called YAMAHA "Crux Rev". YAMAHA together with Nile Fishing Company Ltd. has done vital research for the last ten years to find a suitable motorcycle which can fit conditions in Uganda and Africa at large. YAMAHA's research team which comprised of over 20 engineers visited Uganda during the 10 year's research period to come up with this new motorcycle brand. This new innovation is intended to improve the lives of motorcycle riders and users in Uganda, especially boda boda riders, which is an essential transportation means in this country. The new brand comes with durability, reliability, low fuel consumption, low maintenance costs and affordable price. They have also established a wide network of after-services by training nearly 5,000 people for maintenance and repair of YAMAHA motorcycles.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL: APPLICATION TO BE OPEN FOR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

The Embassy of Japan will accept applications from qualified Ugandan students who wish to study in Japan under the following scholarship schemes; (1) Research Students, (2) Undergraduate Students, and (3) College of Technology Students.

For the details of the application, please see our website:

http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html



MAY 3 - 4: FIRST "JAPAN-AFRICA PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC FORUM" TO TAKE PLACE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

The Government of Japan is organizing the first "Japan-Africa Public-Private Economic Forum" to be held in Johannesburg, the Republic of South Africa, on May 3rd and 4th. This Forum will provide an opportunity for Japanese and African companies as well as key business and development-related institutions to highlight their work in Africa. This initiative was announced by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at TICAD VI in Nairobi in 2016.



SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY IN WEST NILE

One month after the Uganda Solidarity Summit on Refugees held in June last year, JICA commissioned a social infrastructure survey in the refugee hosting districts of West Nile, specifically, Arua, Koboko, Yumbe, Moyo and Adjumani to;

1. assess the situation in both refugee settlements and host communities in the 4 sectors of health, education, water, and roads/bridges
2. identify priority requiring urgent attention to ease the burden on host communities
3. formulate lists of projects for the Government of Japan or other partners for possible funding



JICA study team in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), conducted the survey through a mixed-method approach (quantitative/qualitative data analysis, and site visits), and integrated the findings in both data and maps to cover both host communities and settlements. On February 28th, OPM and JICA held a joint workshop chaired by Hon. Musa Ecweru, the State Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, with the presence of the Ambassador of Japan His Excellency Kazuaki Kameda. In the workshop, the findings were shared with the line ministries, as well as humanitarian and development partners. JICA hopes that this survey and its findings will serve as a good practice for Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

GRANT AID PROJECT FOR RURAL WATER SUPPLY IN LAKE KYOGA BASIN IN EASTERN UGANDA

A kick-off meeting for the “Grant Aid Project For Rural Water Supply in Lake Kyoga Basin In Eastern Uganda” was held on the 26th of February 2018 at the Ministry of Water and Environment, which was opened by the Director of the Directorate of Water Development, Eng. Aaron Kabirizi.

The project is to supply safe water through 9 piped water supply schemes in the districts of Iganga, Luuka, Kibuku, Pallisa, and Serere. The main purpose of this meeting was to clarify the project scope and stakeholder's responsibilities, share implementation schedule, and emphasize the expected quality control throughout the entire lifetime of the project which commenced in March 2018 and is expected to end in June 2019 with a defects liability period spanning until January 2020. Two main operating camps for the whole project are to be set up in Iganga and Pallisa within March 2018 and some of the material to be used in the project will be imported e.g. the reservoir tanks from Malaysia.



NORTHERN UGANDA PROGRAM

On 15th and 16th of March, JICA's team for "the Project for Capacity Development of Local Government for Strengthening Community Resilience in Acholi and West Nile sub-regions (WACAP)," in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government, organized a Technical Working Group meeting in Gulu for Acholi sub-region and in Adjumani for West Nile sub-region. The Permanent Secretary of MOLG was represented by the Undersecretary, representatives from the Office of the Prime Minister, and the National Planning Authority also participated. During the TWG, a number of issues were discussed including the improvement on the utilization of the planning tools especially in Acholi sub-region, and suggestions and plans to roll out the tools in the National Planning Authority guideline in order to institutionalize the tools, and progress on incorporating the livelihood component in the DDEG guideline through the OPM. Also, district planners who attended the training in Japan presented their action plans to further improve bottom-up planning within their districts. The officials from MOLG and the NPA made a presentation on their action plan on the institutionalization of the planning tools based on the good practices of this project. The OPM was very grateful to JICA for the support especially in regards to the livelihood manual to supplement the DDEG guideline and promised to work together with relevant ministries to finalize the manual as soon as possible.



Mr. KAWAZUMI *Out-going Chief Representative of JICA Uganda Office*



I am leaving Uganda after a very tough but exciting time for three and a half years in this beautiful country. My role in Uganda was to sow the seeds of development for the children's future and I am looking forward to seeing that our efforts will bear fruit someday.

Mr. FUKASE *New Chief Representative of JICA Uganda Office*



I have been enjoying to work as the Senior Representative of JICA Uganda Office so far, and this great opportunity to be the successor of Mr .Kawazumi as the Chief Representative makes me feel honored and also at the same time highly responsible. I hope my work will contribute for development of this beautiful country to strengthen the friendship between Japan and Uganda.

Mr. UCHIYAMA *New Senior Representative of JICA Uganda Office*



My name is Takayuki Uchiyama. I'm the new Senior Representative of JICA Uganda office. Since I joined JICA 19 years ago, I've been hoping to work in Uganda, the Pearl of Africa. So, finally my dream has come true, and I'm really excited to work for Uganda. Let us work together for the better future of Uganda!



JAPANESE BUSINESS SCENE IN UGANDA

AFRICA RUNNERS COMPANY LTD.

COMPANY PROFILE NO. 6

“WHO WE ARE: We are a Tour and Travel, Transport Company operating in Uganda since 2001. We are a brain child of a Japanese national, a retired Veterinary Doctor who loves Africa. Our fleet of cars (sedans, 4WDs, Vans, Coasters & Trucks), are comprehensively insured, well maintained, fitted with internet and are hired out with highly professional drivers. Our priority is fairness, courteousness, safety of clients and their property and willingness to serve our clients above their desired satisfaction. Many of our clients are from the Japanese community.



WHAT WE DO: We organize tours, safaris, car hire and Logistic Support services to private travellers, embassies, government bodies, Non-governmental organisations and international organisations like USAID and UNDP at affordable rates.

CAR HIRE SERVICES: Through quality customer care we offer airport transfers, Town service, and field work for both short and long term within East African Region. We provide a 360% feedback to our clients at all times and ensure the successful completion of all tasks given regardless of mileage or destination.

SAFARIS: Every trip is tailor made to fit the tourists' specifications. ARC will “**Take you through Africa**” to some of the most exciting destinations. Experience the everlasting rainbow



over Murchison's falls as you cruise on a boat past a sanctuary of the Southern White Rhinos; track one of the world's endangered species, the Silverback Mountain Gorilla in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest; embark on a Mountain Hike in one of the most attractive Alpine areas in the world, Rwenzori Mountain Ranges: Whatever you desire to do, wherever you desire to go; we will guide you and transport you.”



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