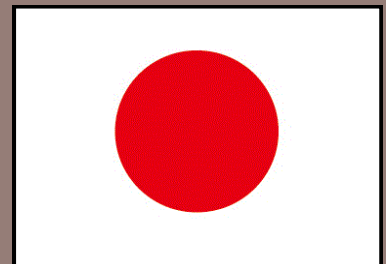




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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

I am very pleased with the start of publication of E-Magazine "Voice of Japan from Kampala", by which you will be familiar with a wide range of Japan's activities currently ongoing in Uganda. I sincerely hope that you will have deeper understanding about what Japan is doing in Uganda and expect your contribution to successful implementation of those activities wherever possible. Let me conclude my message by welcoming any comment from you about "Voice of Japan from Kampala".

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

"PIKOTARO" VISITED UGANDA TO PROMOTE TOURISM



Japanese YouTube star PIKOTARO, known with "Pen-Pineapple-Apple-Pen (PPAP)" song, was appointed as a "Uganda's tourism ambassador" in Japan. His song climbed No.1 hit on Ugandan local charts last year. He visited Uganda from 5th to 8th October. During his stay, he greeted President Yoweri Museveni and showed PPAP dance in front of the audience of Football World Cup African qualifiers between Uganda and Ghana.

GGP PROJECT COMMISSIONED IN KATAKWI

On 12 October 2017, Ambassador commissioned a science laboratory block which was constructed through "the Project for the Construction of a Science Laboratory Block at Ongongoja Secondary School in Katakwi District". The grant (USD 103,068) was signed on 9 March 2015. The new science laboratory block has three rooms for chemistry, biology and physics, and it will greatly improve learning environment for over 400 students. The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). For more information on GGP, please visit the Embassy's website.



JAPAN NGO GRANT SIGNING CEREMONY IN WAKISO

On 19 October, Ambassador signed the grant contract worth of 228,455 USD with a Japanese NGO, Hunger Free World. The project aims to enhance capacity of 4 multi-purpose cooperatives in Wakiso District, enabling them to run their own projects to increase income and improve livelihood of their members and the communities. The ceremony was attended by the State Minister for Luwero Triangle, Hon. Ssozi.



3RD OPERATOR TRAINING FOR JAPANESE ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN JINJA



The 3rd operator training for the road construction equipment that the Government of Uganda procured from Japan commenced in Jinja District on 23 October at Civil Service College in Jinja. The training program will last for 4 weeks. The Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Monica Ntege Azuba, and Ambassador attended the opening ceremony. The 3rd training is organized for the operators from the eastern part of Uganda, which followed the 1st and 2nd trainings that took place in Luwero (for central region) and Gulu (for northern region) respectively.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER



3RD UGANDA- JAPAN FESTIVAL

11 November 2017, 12:00-17:00 at Yujo Restaurant, Kampala
Free Entrance

3rd Uganda-Japan Festival will be hosted by the Japanese Embassy and UJCS (Uganda Japan Cultural Society) for an authentic Japanese cultural experience in Kampala. You will enjoy fun activities, such as Budo demonstration, Japanese dance, Origami, Calligraphy, Japanese food tasting and activities for kids etc. Come and join us!



2ND JAPAN-UGANDA PUBLIC-PRIVATE CONFERENCE FOR HIGH QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Minister of Works and Transport, Hon. Monica Azuba Ntege will lead a delegation of more than 50 government officials and private sector members for the conference in Japan on 21 November. The 1st Uganda-Japan Public-Private Conference for High-Quality Infrastructure was co-hosted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan and the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT) of Uganda on January 9, 2017 at Hotel Africana. This conference was established to facilitate the promotion of Uganda's business relationship with Japan by providing public and private entities an opportunity for meeting with Japanese companies and understanding their latest civil engineering technology which will help to contribute to infrastructure development in Uganda.





UPDATES FROM JICA: THE NEW NILE BRIDGE PROJECT

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Work progressively continues to be implemented at the Nile Bridge with installation of the 3rd and 5th permanent stay cables on Pylons P1 located in the middle of the river and Pylon (P2) located on the Njeru side respectively. A total of 72 cables have to be installed.

Similarly, both Pylons are almost complete with 3 lifts remaining. Each of the pylon structures has a total of 21 lifts.

The bridge deck or the section on which the road sits; one from Njeru side and another from Jinja side, continue to protrude into the river where they will meet mid-way. Of the whole deck length of 525 meters across the Nile river, 256.8 meters has been completed.

With all utility relocations almost complete, work on the access roads from both sides of Jinja and Njeru is fully underway.

A Japanese Company, Zenitaka, partakes in the construction of the new bridge which is financed by JICA's ODA loan.

JICA'S PRIORITY AREAS IN UGANDA

JICA'S COOPERATION IN UGANDA IS GUIDED BY JAPAN'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION POLICY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA (2016-2021) WITH FOUR PRIORITY AREAS TO ASSIST UGANDA TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS SET-FORTH IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN II AND VISION 2040.

FOUR PRIORITY AREAS

IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO ECONOMIC GROWTH:

- ◆ Support sustainable economic growth in Uganda through infrastructure development, capacity and skills development of individuals

INCOME GENERATION THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL COMMUNITIES:

- ◆ Assist income generation of farmers through efficient and effective production of cash crops with a primary focus placed on rice production

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS (HEALTH AND WATER SUPPLY):

- ◆ Improve and expand facilities and equipment at regional referral hospitals, their management skills and service provision
- ◆ Improve water supply ratio in rural areas

SOCIAL STABILITY FOR NORTHERN UGANDA:

- ◆ Enhance livelihoods and vocational skills
- ◆ Support capacity development of the local governments and infrastructure development
- ◆ Provide assistance to the refugees



COMING UP NEXT

JOINT COORDINATION COMMITTEE (JCC) MEETING FOR TVET-LEAD PROJECT

2nd November 2017

TVET-LEAD Project, JICA Technical Cooperation Project supporting Technical and Vocational Education and Training, will have a meeting to discuss progress, achievements and challenges of its project with stakeholders.

JICA VOLUNTEER DAY

1st December 2017

JICA Volunteer Program invites all the stakeholders to share the experience of volunteers in collaboration with their partner organizations.

JICA VOLUNTEERS BATCH 2017/2

JICA is very fond of six energetic, active and happy Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) who joined the current serving team on the same day their predecessors who had served their two year term departed back to Japan. All fresh JICA volunteers could not hold their joy when each of them pledged to offer their best when they are dispatched to the assigned organizations. Upon the completion of the in-country training, certainly, the Eastern, Western and Central parts of Uganda where each of the host organizations is situated will have a feel of additional JICA volunteers.

Currently, close to 80 JOCVs are dispatched in Uganda serving in various sectors such as education, health, livelihood and agriculture.



WHAT'S UJEPa?



Uganda JICA Ex-Participants Association (UJEPa) is an alumni of Ugandans who have participated in JICA Training Programs in Japan. UJEPa was founded in 1988 with objectives of bringing together all ex-participants to share their experiences, promote cultural exchanges and foster friendship between Uganda and Japan. On 30th September 2017, UJEPa members gathered at Kalanamu Public Primary and Secondary Schools in Luweero district to conduct a Tree Planting Activity together with the students and teachers. Both Primary and Secondary Schools received 100 citrus and mango trees. The Headmaster wishes to teach students how to take care of the trees by forming an environmental group. Also these two schools, being community owned school, wish to share the fruits produced by the trees with the community to strengthen the relationship. During the activity, UJEPa members taught children some simple Japanese such as “Konnichiwa (Hello)” and “Arigato (Thank you)” and encouraged them to study hard, have faith and dreams.



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HANDWASHING LECTURE

WE ARE ALSO PASSIONATE about developing products which meet specific needs in Africa. A pocket-sized “Toilet Seat Sanitizer 60ml” has been launched responding to the voices of women who are conscious about unhygienic conditions of shared toilet seats. This product will be available at almost all major supermarkets in Kampala by the end of this year! ”



Products from left to right:

1. ALSOFT
2. SHAVONET
3. TOILET SEAT SANITIZER 60ML

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