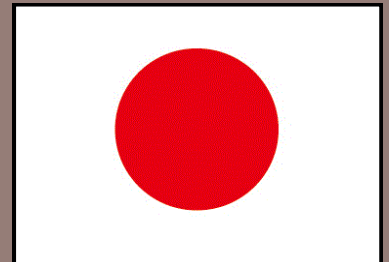




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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

I thank all visitors to Uganda-Japan Festival held at Yujo Izakaya, Nakasero on 11th November. I believe it was an enjoyable event both for Ugandans and for Japanese residents. I wore traditional garment called "Yukata", a casual summer kimono, which brought back memories of my youth. As Christmas period is approaching, I have just started preparation of sending season's greeting cards. I wish all of you a happy festive season!

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN

Mr. Mizumoto Horii

COUNSELLOR

"Nice to meet you, my name is Horii. I have never been to Africa before, so I am sure it will be a great challenge for me. The climate is here very comfortable and people are very kind. I look forward to exchanging ideas with you."

Mr. Naoyuki Shima

COORDINATOR FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

"Hello, my name is Shima, a new coordinator for economic cooperation. Before I came here, I worked in Malawi and Zambia for over three years. I'm happy to come to Africa again. I'm looking forward to working with you."

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



3RD UGANDA-JAPAN FESTIVAL, 11 Nov. 2017



The Embassy of Japan and Uganda Japan Cultural Society co-organized 3rd Uganda – Japan Festival at Yujo Izakaya. 15 Japanese companies and organizations introduced their activities and various Japanese traditional culture including dance, food, martial arts etc. More than 300 people enjoyed a unique atmosphere of Japanese summer festival. For details, please see our website: http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/



UN REGIONAL SUPPORT CENTRE IN ENTEBBE (RSCE)

Japan has funded the Project for United Nations Regional Signals Academy and Training Centre in Entebbe since last year. RSCE has been conducting intensive trainings to personnel of PKO missions throughout the year. Mr. Horii, the new Counsellor in Embassy of Japan, took part in the closing ceremony of a Training of Trainers course on 17 November 2017.



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

2nd Uganda-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure was held in Tokyo on November 21st. The Conference attracted approx. 70 and 40 participants from Japan and Uganda, respectively. A bilateral meeting between Hon. Monica Azuba, Minister of Works and Transport of Uganda, and Hon. Takao Makino, Minister of State for Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism of Japan, was also held. Business matching after the conference was also a great success.



GGP COMMISSIONING IN BUHWEJU DISTRICT



On 21 November, Ambassador commissioned 20 rain water harvesting tanks, constructed through “the Project for the Improvement of Access to Safe Water in Buhweju District”. The grant (USD 92,003) was signed on 3 March 2016. The rain water harvesting tanks were constructed in 20 primary schools and will greatly improve access to safe water for over 8,000 pupils. The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY TRAINING IN MBARARA DISTRICT

4th Operator training for the road construction equipment that the Government of Uganda procured from Japan commenced in Mbarara District on 27 November. Hon. Katumba, Minister of State for Works attended the opening ceremony. The significance of proper operation and maintenance was emphasized. The training is organized for the operators from the western part of Uganda, which followed 3 regional trainings held in Luwero, Gulu, and Jinja, for the central, northern, and eastern regions, respectively.



COMING UP IN DECEMBER



EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

Embassy of Japan will hold its national day reception to celebrate His Majesty's 84th birthday at 18:00 on Wednesday, 6 December 2017. We are welcoming the guest of honour and all distinguished guests (invitees only) on that date. Some Japanese food/wine and Sake (rice wine) will be offered during the reception. We are looking forward to hosting all the guests!

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

The Embassy of Japan in Uganda will be closed on the following dates in December and January; December: 25th (Mon), 26th (Tue), 29th (Fri); January: 1st (Mon), 2nd (Tue), 3rd (Wed). The Embassy will resume regular office hours on Thursday, 4th January 2018.



**NOVEMBER
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OVERVIEW**

AGRICULTURE SECTOR



Applying a mix of technical and grant aid support, and tapping on the vast technical experience of Japanese professionals, JICA continues to contribute to the development of the Agriculture sector in Uganda. Currently, the following three (3) technical cooperation projects are under implementation;

1. PROMOTION OF RICE DEVELOPMENT (PRIDE) PROJECT

As a part of JICA's Rice Program, PRiDe project is being implemented in partnership with MAAIF and NARO. Targeting 45,000 farmers in 58 districts, the project seeks to increase rice production for increased food and income security among the rice farmers. This is being done through building capacity and operational linkages of rice-related institutions, researchers, extension service providers and farmers, as well as rice millers for improved rice quality on the market. So far, 712 extension officers and 49,124 farmers have been trained under the project and this has seen area under rice cultivation expand by approx. 18,184ha and rice production by 49,244MT. Under the project, JICA has for the last 2 years partnered with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to promote rice farming in select refugee settlements and host communities for food and income security. So far, over 1200 refugees and host community members have been trained in rice agronomy and management.

2. PROJECT ON IRRIGATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT (PISD) FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN UGANDA

JICA is cognizant of the negative effects of climate change which have greatly affected the weather patterns and subsequently contributed to crop and animal failures with the accompanying losses to farmers. Following a successful feasibility study on irrigation development, JICA has undertaken to support the development of Atari River Basin irrigation scheme. Currently at the Outline Design stage, a precursor for actual development, Atari River Basin irrigation scheme is expected to be turned into not only a modern irrigation scheme but also a model for future developments in the irrigation sub-sector.. This project once completed is expected to greatly contribute to rice production and productivity in the country.

3. NORTHERN UGANDA FARMERS' LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NUFLIP)

A market-oriented technical cooperation intervention, NUFLIP seeks to improve the livelihoods of farmers in Acholi sub-region through strengthening their vegetable production and marketing capacities with a focus on strengthening nutrition, gender balance and family budgeting.



JICA RECEIVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PR TEAM



On 6th of November, 2017, JICA received high school students Matsuyama High School and a PR team. The team comprised of 13 people. The PR team had 1 JICA staff from Shikoku and two TV crew members from Ehime TV; the news anchor and the camera man. The 8 high school students were accompanied by two teachers.



During their stay, the team and the students travelled to different areas of the country. On their visit to Jinja, they toured the on-going works at the new Nile bridge and took time to enjoy the beauty of the Source of the Nile waters that go up to Egypt.



The two teams had an encounter at Jinja SSS. Jinja Senior Secondary School is one of the big schools in the Eastern part of the country and is benefiting from technical assistance from the people of Japan in form of capacity development for physical education. Mr. Shiraishi Tomoya, the current Japan Overseas Cooperation Physical Education Volunteer working with the school, together with the students shared their day lesson with the team. This experience gave the team an appreciation of the commitment the volunteers have during their term of service.

The PR team took some time to visit Kabale Regional Referral Hospital in the Western part of the country where JICA has constructed and provided medical equipment through Grant Aid in 2015. Also, the hospital is one of the others that benefited from JICA's project on Improvement of Health Service through Health Infrastructure management. JICA's collaboration with the hospital is further strengthened by the volunteers. Ms Watanabe Eri from Ehime town in Japan is volunteering in the hospital as bio-medical equipment engineer. She met with the team from Japan and shared her experience during the theater staff medical equipment user training day that was held in the hospital. The team marveled at the team work between the hospital staff and the volunteer to improve service delivery to the patients.

Their 5-day visit in Uganda was summed up by the tour to the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre. The team will have memories to share with the people of Japan when they return.

JICA'S COMING UP NEXT - DEC 2017

JICA VOLUNTEERS' DAY

1st DECEMBER, 2017

This is the first of its kind and it's going to be an annual event. JICA is going to invite all stakeholders to share experiences and information on their activities in this section [participation is by invitation only].



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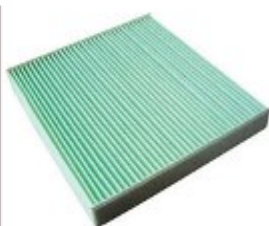
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