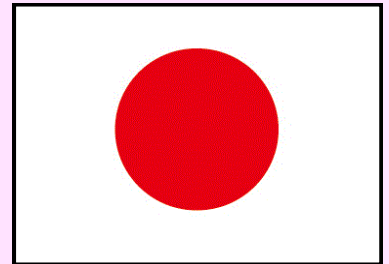




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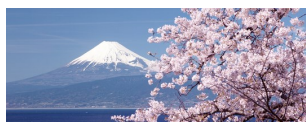
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Plenty of rain has been falling in Kampala as we are in the middle of the rainy season. This blessed rain will hopefully bring good agricultural harvest some time later. Later this April, I had opportunities to announce new contributions to Uganda's infrastructure and health sectors as well as assistance to refugees and local communities hosting them as you can read as below. I wish these inputs by Japan will facilitate Uganda's economic growth as well as adequately address acute needs of the people in difficulties.



## EVENTS IN APRIL 4月の行事

### 12 April: Uganda Gateball Union Received Gear from Japan

World Gateball Union (Japan Gateball Union) donated their gateball equipment to Uganda to support their activities. 112 gateball sticks, 400 balls, and other items were handed over to Uganda Gateball Union by Ambassador Kameda. Gateball was devised in Japan in 1947 as a sports for all ages. More than 10 million people over 40 countries enjoy this sports.



### 17 April: 6 m. USD for Refugees and Host-communities Contributed

Minister of Disaster and Refugees, Hon. Oniek and Ambassador together with Resident Coordinator, Ms. Malango and the Representatives of the UN agencies (UNHCR, WFP, UNDP, FAO) jointly held a press conference to announce Japan's new contributions through the agencies to support refugees and refugee-hosting communities in Uganda. The UN agencies will work in various areas including health, nutrition, protection, and livelihood.



### 21 April: Japanese Community Raised Funds for Baseball Association

Around 60 Japanese residents in Uganda gathered at the fundraising softball event for the Uganda Baseball Association which wishes to represent Africa at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. This event was held at the Japan Uganda National Friendship Stadium, Gayaza, which was constructed by the Government of Japan in 2014. 448 USD raised through the event will be used to maintain the stadium.



### 24 & 25 April: Amb. Osuga Paid Courtesy on President

Amb. Takeshi OSUGA, Director General of African Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. Amb. Osuga is the highest ranking technical officer at MOFA who designs Japan's policy on Africa including TICAD. He presented to the President the current preparation work towards the forthcoming TICAV 7 and requested the same support given by the President to the past TICAD processes.



### 26 April: Signing Ceremony for New Projects was Held.

Ambassador Kameda signed the Exchange of Notes for three projects with Hon. Kasaija Minister of Finance at MoFPED. These projects will contribute to improvements in health service access and quality in Northern Uganda, to better power conditions in Kampala and support international corridor infrastructure. For detailed information, please visit our website at [http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html).



### 26 April: Japanese NGO Handed over a New School Building in Yumbe & UNDP's project funded by Japan launched.



A hand-over ceremony of a new Yangani Primary School building in Zone 5 in Bidibidi settlement was held by Association for Aid and Relief Japan (AAR Japan). Mr. Horii, Deputy Head of Mission attended the ceremony to celebrate the occasion. The Japanese NGO has been supporting the refugees and host communities in Bidibidi settlement since 2016. Together with AAR, another Japanese NGO, Peace Winds Japan also supports the school by providing WASH

training and facilities. The new school building will benefit close to 4,000 refugee and host community students currently enrolled at the school. On the same day, the project launch meeting was held in Yumbe for a UNDP's project funded by Japan. They'll provide emergency cash for work employment and support local governments' capacity building in Moyo, Yumbe, and Arua.



### 27 April: The New Nile Bridge Girder Closure Ceremony Held in Jinja

Ambassador Kameda, together with Hon. Azuba, Minister of Works and Transport, celebrated the completion of center closure of the New Nile Bridge, hosted by Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) in Jinja District. They plan to complete substantial works by end of August this year and expect to commission this beautiful new bridge very soon.



### ANNOUNCEMENT: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN



The Embassy of Japan now accepts Japanese Government Scholarship applications for **Research Students, Undergraduate Students and College of Technology Students**. Hurry up! Deadline is **17th May 2018**. For details, see [http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_en/culture.html](http://www.ug.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/culture.html)



## UPCOMING EVENTS 今後の行事の予定

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

The 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. Minister of the Trade and Industry, and Minister of Works and Transport are scheduled to participate in the forum.

### MAY 15: GGP Project to be Commissioned in Kumi District

"The Project for the Improvement of Access to Safe Water in 3 Sub Counties in Kumi District" is now completed and will be commissioned in May. Through the project, 15 boreholes were constructed across 15 parishes to benefit more than 18,000 people.





## UGANDA RECEIVES TWO NEW JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS



**Mr. Matsuda at NaCRRI**



**Mr. Iwata at Masulita**

The beginning of April 2018, Two (2) Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) started their activities in Uganda. Mr. Iwata Nobuto is teaching market-oriented horticulture at Masulita Vocational Institute in Wakiso. Mr. Matsuda Naohiro is conducting Rice Sensory Test at National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCRRI) to promote rice production. Currently, 65 JOCV members are in the country.

Since the beginning of this program in Uganda in 2001, a total of 719 Japanese Volunteers have been dispatched to the country.

## FAREWELL MESSAGES



Hello, everyone. My name is Nabi Oki. I have been working at Nakawa Vocational Training Institute for 2 and a half years.

Before I came to Nakawa, I also had worked at Makerere University. I was working for these 2 JICA projects in Uganda as a project coordinator. But my real occupation is a veterinarian. I really love this country, and I decided to come back to Uganda as a veterinarian. So, let me say "Bye for now" and "See you soon".



My name is Hanada Hiroyuki, I joined the PRiDe project in December 2016 as Project Coordinator having served from 2007 to 2008 as a JICA Volunteer in Uganda.

The project already had magnificent achievements in rice production and training implementation since the dispatch of "Mr. NERICA" Mr. Tsuboi. As a Project Coordinator, I faced many challenges, but I could resolve them with my colleagues' support. I hope I can come back to Uganda and contribute to more rice promotion and enjoy beautiful nature of Uganda.

## NEW NILE BRIDGE UPDATE

After more than 4 years since it was commissioned, construction on the New Nile Bridge is soon coming to completion. Currently, less than 5 meters of the final segment of the bridge deck are being worked on and the centre closure of this whole section which spans 525 meters will finally be attained on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. With this milestone achieved, the bridge will be as good as complete. Auxiliary works on the structure will continue as well as construction of access roads to this iconic bridge from both Njeru and Jinja sides.



2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



Artistic  
image







“**COTS COTS**” is a company established in Uganda by Japanese and Ugandan members, developing businesses in the fields of food service industry, agriculture, and real-estate, under the core concepts “*Farm to Table*” and “*Uganda meets Japan*”.

**IN 2018**, COTS COTS will open the flagship restaurant “YAMASEN Japanese Restaurant” in Muyenga, Kampala. The entire premises where the restaurant is located is named “Tank Hill Park” and it holds a shopping complex and an ample garden space which is open for the local community as a park.



**THE MAIN BUILDING** is designed by a Japanese architect Ikko Kobayashi. He maximized the potential of Ugandan local materials such as eucalyptus for the structure, baked bricks for the walls, and thatching grasses for the roof. Though the finishing is modern and stylish, at the same time you can feel relaxed as if you were in a village home.



**AT THE RESTAURANT**, the head chef Yoshifumi Yamaguchi and well-trained staffs will provide unique cuisine experiences with relaxing ambience and original Japanese-African fusion dishes. The quality ingredients used for the dishes are supplied by local farmers and from the demonstration garden where the company agriculture department is providing young community leaders with technical trainings.

**THE VEGETABLES GROWN** in the demonstration garden are also available through the door-to-door delivery service and at the shop opening in Tank Hill Park. Agriculture department also develops agri-products and exports them to Japan.



Through the combination of businesses in several forms, COTS COTS is seeking for the way to link up Uganda and Japan, for further opportunities for both countries.”

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