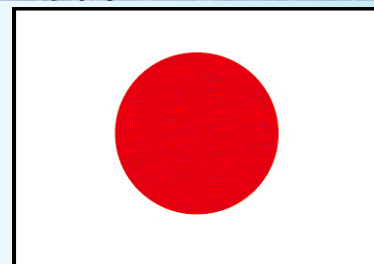


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Dear readers, as announced in April issue of this E-Magazine, "JAPAN-AFRICA PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC FORUM" took place very successfully in South Africa in early May with nearly two thousand participants. Hon. Kyambadde, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Hon. Bagiere, State Minister of Transport, actively participated in the Forum and conducted bilateral talks. Japanese enterprises participating in the Forum have hopefully found new business opportunities to exploit in Uganda and Africa at large. It is encouraging that two separate Japanese business teams allegedly visited Uganda in May and held talks with high ranking officials.



EVENTS IN MAY

5月の行事

3 & 4, MAY: FIRST "JAPAN-AFRICA PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC FORUM" HELD IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA



The Forum attracted nearly 2,000 government officials and business persons from Africa and Japan. They interacted with each other to create new business opportunities. From Uganda, Hon. Amelia Kyambadde (MTIC) and Hon. Henry Aggrey Bagiere (MOWT) participated in the Forum. The summary of the Forum is available at <http://japanafraforum.org/>

4, MAY: JAPANESE SOCCER LESSONS FOR UGANDAN CHILDREN



Japanese soccer star, Keisuke Honda's company, SOLTILO Co., Ltd launched in Uganda "AFRICA DREAM SOCCER TOUR supported by Car-Tana.com". Two Japanese coaches teach 50 children supported by Ashinaga Uganda and Edgar's Youth Program coaches from May to June 2018. Ambassador Kameda highly appreciates this project sponsored by Japanese companies for supporting African children's future careers.

15, MAY: INTERIM VISIT TO JAPANESE NGO GRANT PROJECT SITE

A project to support four cooperatives in Wakiso district, implemented by Hunger Free World, has been progressing as planned. During the interim monitoring, the Head of Economic Cooperation visited the office buildings completed for the cooperatives and a cooperative's pilot project for nurturing 1,300 Krolers. After the completion of the first phase of the project, it is expected to benefit more than 500 households in the area.



15, MAY: 15 BOREHOLES IN KUMI DISTRICT COMMISSIONED

The leadership and communities of Kumi district in Eastern Uganda joined Ambassador Kameda to commission 15 boreholes worth of 88,771 USD which were constructed for the grassroots communities. The communities were earlier sharing available seasonal water sources with animals, causing spread of diseases. The completed project benefits over 258,000 people, and is expected to improve their health and to increase economic activity.



16, MAY: AMBASSADOR VISITED JICF AND FARMERS IN ACHOLI



Ambassador Kameda visited a pilot project implemented by Japan International Cooperation Foundation (JICF) and their partner, HEIFER International, in Acholi region. The project provides heifer and Kroiler to selected farmers and opportunity for income generation by selling milk and eggs. The project is running successfully. It avails farmers, especially women, against not only increasing income but also reducing gender inequality among the family.

25, MAY: AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO BRAC, LUKAYA

Ambassador Kameda visited BRAC, a Bangladesh based NGO, in Lukaya. The NGO has been supported by Japan Social Development Fund through World Bank since 2013. BRAC has assisted maternal and child health including nutrition education. The organization has also improved farmers' income through promoting nutritious sweet potatoes. The community welcomed the Ambassador and showed their gratitude at the event.



APRIL-MAY: MORE JAPANESE UN STAFF ARRIVED IN UGANDA

UN agencies have scaled up their operations in response to the influx of refugees to Uganda in recent years. The Government of Japan has continuously supported their operations not only through financial contributions, but also by providing dedicated Japanese staff — close to 20 UN staff from Japan are currently in the country to strengthen the operation. Some of them are in the field working at the forefront of emergency refugee assistance



UPCOMING EVENTS

今後の行事予定

JUNE 12 & 13: GGP PROJECTS TO BE COMMISSIONED IN WEST NILE

Three projects in West Nile, "The Project for Construction of a Maternity Ward at Aripea Parish Health Centre", "The Project for the Renovation of Electric and Water Facilities at St. Joseph's Hospital in Maracha District", and "The Project for the Improvement of Facilities at Eruba Primary School and Unit for the Deaf in Arua District" are now completed and will be commissioned in June.

24-29, JUNE: FOOD ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VISIT UGANDA

Food Assistance Committee (FAC) has selected Uganda for its bi-yearly field visit. The committee is currently chaired by Japan and visitors will be joining the mission from across the globe. FAC has 16 member countries to contribute to global food security, and to improve the ability of the international community to respond to emergency food situations and other food needs of developing countries. More information on FAC can be found here: <https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/default.aspx>



JICA COMMITTED JPY 21.4 BILLION (APPROX. \$202.3 MILLION USD) TO UGANDA TOWARDS TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND HEALTH

On 26th April 2018, JICA signed three financing agreements (2 loans and 1 grant) with the Government of Uganda totalling to JPY 21.4 billion, an equivalent of approximately \$202.3 million. This is a record breaking financial commitment from JICA to Uganda in a single fiscal year. This financing will be extended towards 3 projects as detailed below;

- ◆ Approx. 46 million USD as an additional loan towards the Construction of a New Bridge across River Nile at Jinja Project. This brings the total financing from JICA towards this project to 14.116 billion yen (Target completion – Aug 2018).
- ◆ Approx. 129 million USD as a loan towards the Kampala Metropolitan Transmission System Improvement Project aimed at stabilizing and improving the reliability of the power supply in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (Target completion – Feb 2022).
- ◆ Approx. 27 million USD as a grant towards the Project for the improvement of Regional Referral Hospitals in Northern Uganda aimed at strengthening hospital functionality by providing facilities and equipment to the three regional referral hospitals of Gulu, Lira and Arua (Target completion – 2020).



Hon. Kasajja and JICA Chief Representative
After Signing of Grant Agreement

FAREWELL

Mr. Nakagawa Project Formulation Adviser

I have been working as an electric engineer at the JICA Uganda office for five years to formulate and implement infrastructure projects. Uganda is blessed with a very good climate and good personality, so I was able to work really pleasantly. Unfortunately the term of my contract has ended, but I'm hoping to return for another occasion and contribute for the people of Uganda in the near future.



UWEC – JICA



On 17th April, 2018, Mr. Fukase Yutaka, Chief Representative, JICA Uganda Office, and Mr. James Musinguzi, Executive Director, Uganda Wildlife Education and Conservation Centre

(UWEC) held a meeting to discuss possibilities and opportunities for future cooperation between JICA and UWEC. This follows the successful completion last year of the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Project, the 3rd phase, in a series of Grass-roots technical cooperation projects that started in 2008, with the support by JICA.

Finally, the construction of key structures on the New Nile Bridge; that is, the 2 pylons and the 525m long bridge deck (girder) along with its supporting stay cables, is complete. This was marked by the much anticipated girder centre closure on 27th April, 2018



Panoramic view of the New Nile Bridge

Dissemination of the Final Findings from the study on social infrastructural needs for the refugee hosting communities in West Nile Sub-region of Uganda.

On the 18th April 2018, JICA Uganda made a presentation to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework steering committee meeting in Kampala. The Comprehensive Refugee Response framework is a response following the New York declaration in which the UN and partners resolved on a strategy to support refugees across the world. The CRRF aims at a comprehensive support to Refugees and host communities/ host governments to achieve not only self-reliance but economic opportunities for both refugees and host governments thereby creating a cycle of mutual benefit.

The meetings were geared towards providing updates to the CRRF steering committee members on the progress of the CRRF implementation in Uganda and as well as show some practical examples of the CRRF success in the country. JICA made a presentation on the findings and conclusion of the Refugee Social Infrastructure Survey in Northern Uganda to disseminate the results of the findings and as well create awareness regarding the importance of integrated planning. The presentation was made by the Chief Representative of JICA Mr. Fukase Yutaka and the Chief Advisor of the WA-CAP project Dr. Atsushi Hanatani, who were warmly welcomed by the members including Undersecretary for Refugees and Disaster, OPM.

ABE 2nd Batch Reporting Session

It is three years now, since JICA Uganda office dispatched participants of the 2nd Batch ABE Initiative program to Japan.

On Thursday May 10th 2018, the three Master's degree graduates; Mr. Tayebwa Dickson, Lule Donald and Odongo Patrick Jacob from Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Doshisha University and Tokyo University of Agriculture had a reporting session where they shared their experiences and pledged their commitment to playing the role of 'navigators' in contributing to the industrial development of this country as well as strengthen linkages between Japan and Uganda.



JAPANESE BUSINESS SCENE IN UGANDA

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