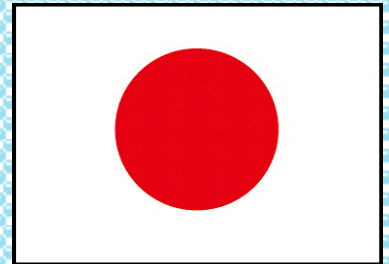




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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

Dear readers, June began with Hon. Minister Kutesa's official working visit to Japan. I luckily accompanied Hon. Minister during his visit and sensed that fresh opportunities in the bilateral economic relations are emerging in a series of the talks he held during his stay in Japan.



EVENTS IN JUNE

6月のイベント

3-8, JUNE: 2018 HON. KUTESA'S VISIT TO JAPAN



At the invitation of the Government of Japan, Hon. Sam Kahamba Kutesa between June 3rd and 8th, made a working visit to Japan. They had a working dinner with Foreign Minister Kono and discussed various issues. (Joint press statement is available at: https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002056.html). Hon. Kutesa also held talks with state agencies such as JICA, JBIC and JETRO, and Japanese companies which have economic ties with Uganda. He also visited Nara, which was the first capital of Japan in the ancient time to see a huge statue of Buddha.

12, JUNE: 2018 HON. BABA'S CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Hon. James Boliba Baba's conferment ceremony for his receiving the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star from the Emperor was held at the Conference Hall A of the Parliament in the presence of Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga. Hon. Baba, who served as the Ambassador of Uganda from 2001 to 2005, received the Order for his outstanding contributions to strengthening the ties between Japan and Uganda. His achievements were made not only through his career as a diplomat, but also through his work as a state-minister at Vice- President's Office, a state-minister for Internal Affairs and a member of Parliament.



12-13, JUNE: JAPAN SUPPORTED THREE PROJECTS IN WEST NILE REGION, NORTHERN UGANDA



Three projects worth USD 227,138 were commissioned in West Nile region, 2 in the education and 1 in the health sector. Mr. Nozaka, Head of Economic Cooperation of Japan in Uganda was joined by some district officials and politicians. He said 66 projects have been implemented in the Northern Uganda alone and 23 are in West Nile. At Eruba primary school, a 4-classroom block, 10 stances of pit latrine, 108 three seater desks and teachers furniture were provided. At St. Joseph Hospital

Maracha, a water tank and solar power system were provided to pump water and run medical equipment. Finally, at Aripea Health Centre III, a maternity ward was provided with 2 delivery beds, 8 patients beds and mattresses. The Health Centre can now deliver 300 mothers annually.



24 - 29, JUNE:

FOOD ASSISTANCE CONVENTION (FAC) MISSION VISITED UGANDA



Around 20 representatives from Food Assistance Committee (FAC) member states visited Uganda. FAC has 16 parties, currently chaired by Japan, contributing 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>

The mission visited various sites in Adjumani, Arua, and Koboko districts providing food assistance; the visitors across the globe observed conventional assistance as well as innovative approaches to food assistance. At the networking reception held on 28th at Japanese Ambassador's residence, more than 40 local stakeholders and the mission participants had a chance to build network.



UPCOMING EVENTS

今後の行事予定

19, JULY:

GGP PROJECT TO BE COMMISSIONED IN KABAROLE DISTRICT



"The Project for the Construction of a Girls' Dormitory at Kahinju Senior Secondary School in Kabarole District" is now completed and will be commissioned in July. Through the project, a girls' dormitory was constructed to benefit more than 200 girl students who were commuting under a dangerous situation. Ceremony will be led by Diocese of Rwenzori, the founding body of the School.

25 - 27 JULY :

PRESS TOUR IN WESTERN REGION

The Embassy will organize a Press Tour from 25th to 27th July. The objective of the tour is to showcase the diversity of Japanese assistance including technical cooperation, grant aid, volunteers, Japanese NGO's projects and multilateral cooperation. The projects supported by Japan have focused on not only infrastructure, but health, education, climate change, water & sanitation and income generation throughout the country.



JICA'S NEWS ROOM

The Northern Uganda Farmers' Livelihood Improvement Project (NUFLIP)

The Project has been implemented in Acholi sub-region by JICA in partnership with MAAIF for the last 30 months. The project seeks to improve livelihoods of target farmer groups through the establishment of a livelihood improvement approach while employing a market-oriented approach in vegetable production as its core.



The 5-year project has already recorded some achievements; Cultivation methods and training manuals for seven (7) vegetable crops have been developed, and Agriculture Officers in the model districts with the support of the project team continue to conduct training sessions on vegetable production to the farmers.

The Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) ;

JCC of the project was held on 31st May, 2018 and attended by the CAOs and Agricultural Officers from the target districts; Gulu, Kitgum and Pader; as well as representatives from MAAIF. The JCC annual meeting presents a platform for assessing project progress and making recommendations for improvement whenever necessary. During the meeting, consolidation and sustainability of project achievements through institutionalization of the project approach was emphasized.



UPDATE ON KAMPALA SMART TRAFFIC PROJECT

Since February 2015, a team of JICA Experts has been working with KCCA to enhance the Agency's capacity in the management of traffic flow in Kampala City. During this time, the team identified, among others, bottlenecks to Kampala's traffic flow as being the numerous roundabouts in the city and the way the existing signalised junctions are operated in isolation.

As a result, the Experts team together with KCCA designed a pilot project on Area Traffic Control using MODERATO (Management by Origin-Destination Related Adaptation for Traffic Optimisation), where 4 junctions in Lugogo-Kololo areas were signalised.



Map showing the 4 junctions under the Pilot Project

This pilot project became operational early this year and KCCA together with the JICA Experts are studying its operation. Traffic flow will be monitored in 2 scenarios;

- 1) When the junctions are controlled in isolation.
- 2) When the junctions are controlled in a synchronised manner using MODERATO.



Results from this pilot study will inform the next phase of interventions which include;

- 1) Elimination of roundabouts in the city, replacing them with signalised junctions and,
- 2) Control of signalised junctions centrally from a traffic control centre to be constructed and installed at City Hall.



MAKING IMPACT SUSTAINABLE: FROM HAND HOES TO OXEN; The Project for Capacity Development of Local Government for Strengthening Community Resilience in Acholi and West Nile Sub-Regions (WA-CAP)



WACAP aims at further strengthening planning and implementation capacity of the local government officials in the 17 districts in Acholi and West Nile Sub-regions. The project component aims at enhancing livelihood of the community through Community Driven Development approach. Some of the community members selected the use of oxen and ox-ploughs to improve cultivation and enhance their livelihood.

According to Mr. Oyoo Fabio, chairperson of Owir Pii Lukeme Farmers' Group in Agago District, 1.5 acres of land can now be tilled in a day as opposed to hand hoes that would take about two weeks for the same piece of land. He added that they were able to plough 38 acres of group gardens and 30 acres of individual gardens in the last season alone.

JICA WA-CAP supported 32 farmer groups from Acholi Sub-Region with farm equipment and hands-on trainings on animal husbandry in 2016 and 2017. In 2017 and 2018, 36 groups from West Nile Sub-Region will benefit from the same (not limited to animal traction). In case of the animal traction, each group receives 3 pairs of oxen, 3 pieces of ox-ploughs and a spray pump in addition to the training support rendered to the group in their respective Sub-Counties.

JICA ran an Animal Husbandry Program (2008 –2014) under its Technical Cooperation scheme, through which the Animal Disease Control Projects, Phase 1 & 2 (2008 –2014) were implemented. The program covered Central and Local Government levels with the aim of building capacity for Animal disease diagnosis and control in the country.



Following the end of the program, JICA's approach to develop the animal sub-sector was to build partnerships between entities, such as universities, in Japan and organizations in Uganda. Through this approach, JICA, under its grassroots technical cooperation scheme, approved an application by Rakuno Gakuen University to partner with Mbarara District Veterinary Office in the implementation of the Safe Milk Promotion in Mbarara project. It has been 18 months since the project sought to boost milk production in Mbarara and the surrounding areas. With a focus on boosting animal reproduction, milk hygiene, nutrition and animal disease control, 30 dairy farms are being trained on better farm management practices to ensure better proceeds from their dairy business.

NEW STAFF

Hello Everyone! I am Yoshihiro Uemura a new Project Formulation Advisor of JICA. Last 4 years I have stayed in Botswana as a JICA volunteer and embassy staff. Now I am excited to stay in this nature-rich and vibrant country, Uganda, with my wife and son to gain various experience and also want to enjoy working with sincere people.



I am Hiroyuki Hasegawa. I started working at Nakawa Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) at the end of April 2018 as the Project Coordinator having worked for 6 years and 3 months as Project Formulation Adviser in JICA Mozambique. I am very excited to be back in Africa and work together with counterparts of the institute with a spirit of solidarity. To my surprise, many of the instructors in NVTI know Japanese language and are fond of their experience in Japan. I appreciate the effort of ex-experts and I will do my best to take over their tasks.





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