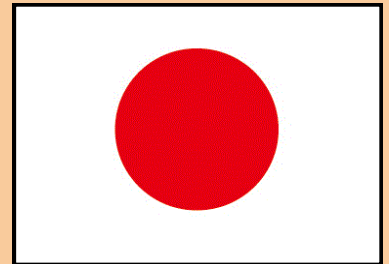




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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear readers, I have inaugurated the "Ambassador's Commendation" from this year and awarded the first Commendation to Mr. Tatsumasa OKU as shown in one of this month news. This Commendation is a form of the appreciation expressed by Ambassador of Japan to persons for their distinguished service in contributing to the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship with Uganda. My intention of the introduction of this Commendation is to expect and encourage especially youth, whichever nationality is, to work towards the better bilateral relations.



EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

9月のイベント

SEPTEMBER 3RD: AMBASSADOR'S COMMENDATION 2018

On September 3rd at the Embassy of Japan, Mr. Tatsumasa OKU, Managing Director of Smiley Earth, an Osaka-based company specializing on towels made of Ugandan organic cotton, was awarded Ambassador's commendation for his remarkable contributions to the Japan-Uganda relationship. He was the mastermind of the twinning of Izumisano City, Osaka Prefecture, and Gulu Municipality.



SEPTEMBER 6TH: LAUNCH OF THE PUBLIC AMBULANCE

The Society of Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) donated an ambulance to Nurture Africa Medical Center to improve emergency services in the area of Nansana Municipality. The launching ceremony took place on 6th September with the presence of Mr. Horii, Deputy Head of Mission.



SEPTEMBER 25TH: UGANDA BUSINESS SEMINAR IN TOKYO

On 25th, Uganda Business and Investment Seminar took place in Tokyo co-hosted by UNIDO and the Embassy of the Republic of Uganda in Japan. The event was attended by more than 50 Japanese business persons. In the seminar, Mr. Toshiyuki Sasaki, CEO of Far East Inc., which manufactures semi-dry pineapple in Uganda and exports to the Japanese market, shared his business experiences and encouraged the participants to start agro-processing business in Uganda. Mr. Kentaro Takada, the former Coordinator for Economic Cooperation at the Embassy of Japan in Uganda, introduced various support schemes of JICA and JETRO which could be utilized by the Japanese companies in order to introduce their products and services into Ugandan market. Mr. Takada came back to Uganda at the end of September as an Embassy staff member and continues to encourage Japanese business and investments in Uganda.



SEPTEMBER 26, 27TH: JAPAN SUPPORTS EDUCATION IN TESO

The Embassy of Japan commissioned two successfully completed projects in Teso Region. Mr. Mizumoto Horii, Deputy Head of Mission, was joined by district officials and local politicians including State Minister for Disaster Preparedness, Hon. Musa Ecweru. At St. Benedict Secondary School in Amuria District, a girls' dormitory with furniture and latrine/ bathroom blocks worth 86,265 USD were constructed. At Kibale Secondary School in Pallisa District, two classroom blocks with furniture and latrine blocks worth 85,314 USD were constructed. The projects are expected to benefit over 700 students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

今後の行事予定

6-7TH OCTOBER: TICAD MINISTERIAL MEETING

The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting is due to take place in Tokyo on 6th and 7th October. It is planned to review the progress made by TICAD V and TICAD VI. The meeting is convened in preparation for TICAD VII to be held in August 2019 in Japan.

MID-OCTOBER: THE NEW NILE BRIDGE TO BE COMMISSIONED

The New Nile Bridge in Jinja is expected to be commissioned during October. In 2010, Japan decided to support the construction of the bridge. This high quality infrastructure funded by Japan is expected to promote the economic growth of Uganda and the East African countries through enhancing smoothness of transportation on the Northern Corridor.

20TH, OCTOBER: 4TH UGANDA - JAPAN FESTIVAL

13:00-16:00 at Tank Hill Park, Muyenga, Kampala, <Free Entrance>

The 4th Uganda-Japan Festival will be hosted by the Committee of the Uganda-Japan Festival and the Embassy of Japan for an authentic Japanese cultural experience in Kampala! You will enjoy fun activities, such as Karate, Judo, Yukata, Ikebana, Origami, Calligraphy, Japanese food tasting and activities for kids etc., Come and join us!

24TH, OCTOBER: GGP COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

"The Project for the Construction of a Science Laboratory Block at Bishop Comboni College" is now completed and will be commissioned on 24th October. Through this project, a science laboratory was constructed to benefit 700 students who had a limited access to appropriate science practical lectures. The ceremony will be led by Bishop Comboni College in Kambuga Sub-county.



JICA'S NEWS ROOM

Memorandum of Understanding between the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Uganda and JICA Uganda and South Sudan Office

Ahead of the UN General Assembly meeting and Global Compact on Refugees, the UNHCR fielded from 10th–15th Sept, 2018, a public relations team to document and draw attention to successful cases in the implementation of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) in Uganda. In the 2014 MoU, JICA and UNHCR undertook to jointly boost rice production in selected refugee settlements and host communities for improved food and income security. This was to be and has since been done through the Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) project, a technical cooperation project being implemented by JICA in partnership with MAAIF and NARO. Following the MoU, a good number of extension officers and model farmers in both the refugee settlements and host communities have been directly trained on rice cultivation and management techniques. These techniques have subsequently been transferred to over 1000 rice farmers, both in the refugee settlements and host communities, consequently contributing to improvement in food and income security, thereby making the PRiDe project a good example in the implementation of the CRRF, with lessons that can be drawn by other countries. It is against the above background that the PRiDe project was one of the two successful cases considered and visited for featuring by the UNHCR public relations team. Ms. Chandia Queen, a South Sudanese refugee based and farming in Mireyi refugee settlement, Adjumani district, was interviewed on her life story and how she came to know, participate in and benefit from the JICA PRiDe project. Also interviewed was Mr. Minoru Yoshino, Chief Advisor of the PRiDe project, and he gave insight on the PRiDe approach and its impact on the selected refugee settlements and host communities. His feature is to be shared through 'Refugee Media', the UNHCR global media platform.

Fourteen JICA Volunteers Completed Two Year Assignment

On 25th September 2018, fourteen JOCV left Uganda after completing their service. We appreciate their host organizations and people who supported their activities throughout their stay. We also appreciate volunteers for their hard work and dedication to Uganda.



The 7th General Meeting of the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Initiative

During the event of the 4th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) in 2008, JICA in partnership with the Agricultural Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) launched the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Initiative to boost rice production in sub-Saharan Africa from 14m MTs then to 28m MTs by 2018. This was a response to increased rice demand and fluctuations in global grain prices that had exposed the poor to food insecurity. Accordingly, National Rice Development Strategies (NRDS) were formulated in the 23 CARD countries on which initiatives for dev't of the Rice sub-sector were to be based. As noted during the 6th CARD General meeting in Accra, Ghana in 2015, remarkable progress has been witnessed in implementation of NRDS in most of CARD member countries. While efforts to support some sub-sectors resulted in formulation and implementation of sector strategies in the areas of agricultural mechanization and rice seed in some CARD member countries, Uganda is a case from the point of rice seed. With the coming to an end of the current phase, the 7th General meeting of CARD will be organized between 2nd and 4th Oct, 2018 in Tokyo, Japan. While the meeting will seek to review the achievements of CARD thus far and confirm remaining challenges affecting the rice sector, it will also seek to form a consensus on the direction for which CARD initiative should head in the next phase. Uganda as a core member of the CARD initiative shall be represented at the 7th General meeting.



JICA'S NEWS ROOM

Official Handover of the Final Survey report to the Government of Uganda

Following the conclusion of the Refugee social infrastructure survey in Northern Uganda, JICA consultants have finally completed the compilation of the survey report.

On the 18th of September 2018 in a brief ceremony at the Office of the Prime Minister, JICA Uganda Chief Representative Mr. Yutaka Fukase officially handed over a copy of the Refugee Social Infrastructure Survey in Northern Uganda to the Minister for Disaster preparedness and Refugees Hon. Eng. Hillary Onek.



The brief ceremony was also attended by the undersecretary in charge of Refugees (he is also a member of the CRRF secretariat), and the Monitoring and Evaluation officer at the Office of the Prime Minister, Refugees Department.

In his remark, Hon. Minister mentioned that he was grateful for the work that the Government of Japan through JICA was doing in Uganda. He mentioned that he was impressed by the timing of the report because the Government of Uganda would send a delegation headed by himself to Europe (Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and Netherlands) together with the UNHCR to advocate for increase in funding for the refugees in Uganda. This report will help the team to advocate for funding while in Europe.

The Minister mentioned that the report would be helpful for the OPM to lobby other partners for the support of the refugees and host communities in Uganda. The minister said that the Government of Uganda had a strategic plan to improve the roads which run along the border with South Sudan in order to help support the refugees better. He was grateful that JICA had included roads infrastructure in the survey. Hon. Minister re-iterated the Government of Uganda's cooperation with the Government of Japan and JICA and was highly appreciative of the report.



Nakawa Training Institute to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

In October (date to be confirmed), Nakawa Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) is planning to celebrate 50 years of collaboration between JICA and NVTI, which was established in 1968. NVTI will also recognize the starting of diploma programs in electricity and automobile engineering this year.

New JICA Staff

My name is Yusuke Fujiwara. As a Project Formulation Advisor, I will be engaged in the area of human resource development. It is my first time to come to Africa, and I am very excited to live and work in Uganda. I hope my contribution will lead to development in Uganda as much as possible.

Yusuke Fujiwara (PFA)



JAPANESE BUSINESS SCENE IN UGANDA

SAKAI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, LTD.

COMPANY PROFILE NO. 11

SAKAI Heavy Industries, Ltd., founded in 1918, is one of leading manufacturers of road construction equipment. We innovated and introduced the first road roller in Japan. As a pioneer in road construction equipment, we have kept more than 65% of the share of road rollers domestically. We also have all-Japan and overseas networks including overseas plants in USA, Indonesia and China.

For the Republic of Uganda, we have supplied Ministry of Works and Transport with more than 240 units of our products for September 2017 ~ March 2018.

Even after this remarkable deal, we would like to make continuous efforts in contributing to Road Infrastructure in Uganda with our Japanese epoch making technology, namely, Road Stabilizer Engineering Method in which SAKAI has various achievements all over the world including African continent.

We believe that Road Stabilizer Engineering Method can realize cost and time saving, environmental-friendly rural road rehabilitation with SAKAI's Road Stabilizer PM550.



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