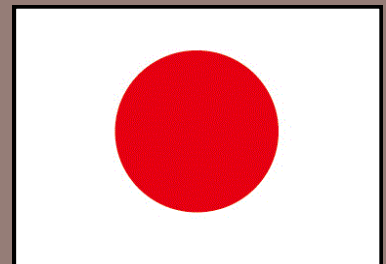




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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

On 3rd November, Dr. Sikander Lalani, Chairman of the Roofing Limited, was officially recognized by the Emperor of Japan for his outstanding contributions (see below a relevant article for further details). I met him first time in Kampala in 2007. I was so surprised when I learned that he had been manufacturing metallic roofing materials in partnership with Japanese corporations for more than 30 years ahead at that time. I am happy to witness today that his business has been continuously expanded with Japanese technology. I hope to see many more of such examples.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

2018 AUTUMN CONFERMENT OF DECORATION FOR DR. SIKANDER LALANI, 3 NOV. 2018

The Government of Japan announced the foreign recipients of the 2018 Autumn Imperial Decorations. Dr. Sikander Lalani, the Chairman of Roofing Limited, is among this year's foreign recipients and, in recognition of his contributions to promote mutual understanding and strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and the Republic of Uganda, he will be conferred the "Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette". The official ceremony to handover the order will take place at an appropriate timing in near future.

Japan to Support an Irrigation Project worth USD 25.5M, 6 NOV 2018

On 6th November, Japan and Uganda signed the Exchange of Notes and the Grant Agreement on "The Project for the Development of Irrigation System in Atari Basin Area" to provide grant aid of up to 2.79 billion Japanese yen (approx. USD 25.5 million or UGX 93 billion). This project seeks to ensure a stable supply of water for irrigation to target communities through the development of irrigation systems in Atari Basin Area, thereby contributing to the improvement of income in the farming industry by increasing the production and productivity of rice. The project is expected to cover 680ha spreading across two districts, Bulambuli and Kween, and directly benefit approx. 6,500 people (532 households).



JAPANESE NGO SIGNED A GRANT CONTRACT & LAUNCHING CEREMONY HELD, 7 NOV 2018

Ambassador Kameda signed a grant contract with Hunger Free World for a project entitled, "Capacity Building of 4 Multi-purpose Cooperatives in Northern Wakiso District" on 31st Oct. The grant amount of 431,293 USD (approx. 1.6 billion UGX) has been provided for the second year of the project. The project aims to enhance capacity of 4 multi-purpose cooperatives in northern Wakiso District, enabling them to run their own projects to increase income and improve livelihood of their members and the communities. The launching ceremony took place on 7th November in Lwemwedde town, Wakiso District.



CONFERMENT OF DECORATION UPON MRS. ELIZABETH NAKATE KAZIRO, 21 NOV 2018

Ambassador Kameda hosted Conferment Ceremony of the “Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays” upon Mrs. Elizabeth Nakate Kaziro, former staff member of the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Uganda. With this decoration Japanese Government recognizes her significant contribution to the Embassy for the long period of her service. Family members and Embassy staff attended to congratulate Mrs. Kaziro on her decoration.



OSAKA CHOSEN TO HOST EXPO 2025, 23 NOV 2018

BIE Member States elected OSAKA as the host of EXPO 2025 during the General Assembly on 23rd November 2018. Theme of this EXPO is “Designing Future Society for Our Lives – How to Lead a Healthy Life in a Diverse Manner Sustainable Socioeconomic Systems”.

For details, please see <https://www.expo2025-osaka-japan.jp/en/>



COMING UP IN DECEMBER



10-15. DEC: UGANDAN DELEGATION INVITED TO HOST TOWNS OF TOKYO OLYMPICS / PARALYMPICS 2020

The Ugandan delegation of Ministry of Education and Sports, National Council of Sports and Uganda Olympic Committee has been invited to visit Japanese host towns of Tateshina town in Nagano Prefecture and Izumisano city in Osaka prefecture. The main purpose of this visit is to check athletic facilities in both municipalities. The delegation will also visit Kokugakuin university in Tokyo.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

The Embassy of Japan in Uganda will be closed on the following dates in December and January; December: 25th (Tue), 26th (Wed), 31st (Mon); January: 1st (Tue), 2nd (Wed), 3rd (Thur). The Embassy will resume regular office hours on Friday, 4th January 2019.



The Education Fair at Jinja Primary Teachers College (Jinja PTC)



On 3rd November 2018, JOCVs (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) operated by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) held an education fair at Jinja PTC in Jinja District. 14 JOCVs in the education sector from different schools and districts gathered to demonstrate scientific experiments and conduct trainings on physical education to students. More than 400 participants enjoyed the fair and gained more interest in learning science, mathematics, and physical education. Apart from the JOCVs, other stakeholders at the fair were the students, teachers and tutors from Jinja PTC, Kibuli PTC and nearby primary and secondary schools where the JOCVs are based. Representatives from volunteer and education sectors of JICA Uganda office were also in attendance.

The main objective of the fair was to promote the students' interest in science and mathematics and motivate them to study the subjects by using more practical methods. It's obvious that science and mathematics are useful and important to our life. Science and mathematics education is one of the important factors for the growth of economy. During the education fair, a variety of teaching aid materials were introduced and practical science skills were demonstrated such as using the fire balloon to explain the gas laws or making the polyhedron by folding paper to understand pattern recognition. Calculation quiz in the mathematics session were also held.

Physical education is also highlighted in this fair. Technics such as passing a baton in an athletic race was taught and students acquired not only basic physical strength but also attitude, knowledge, skills, and coordination mindset with others. In addition, students learnt compliance of rules through sports. Physical education is still a new and insufficient subject in Uganda. Students need to be sensitized and a common position needs to be established in regard to this area. Through the education fair, the participants learnt the significance and the fun of learning science, mathematics and physical education to encourage more learner centered approaches. The overall goal is that when students at PTC level become primary teachers, they are able to teach and demonstrate and interest pupils in learning sciences.

WELCOME: HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR –JICA UGANDA

I am Yasuko Inoue. New Health Adviser for JICA Uganda office. Actually, I lived in Kampala 20 years ago with my husband, stayed in Kololo. I still have my EAU driving license with a photo of myself 20 years younger. I enjoyed life in Kampala very much and that memory was one of the reasons why I wanted to come back to Uganda. I am looking forward to meeting you all.



JICA'S NEWSROOM

The Third Technical Committee Meeting and Launching of New Five Districts for Northern Uganda Farmers' Livelihood Improvement Project (NUFLIP)

Transformation from subsistence to commercial agriculture is at the core of the Government's strategy for agriculture development. To support the strategy, JICA has for the last three (3) years partnered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and 3 district local governments in Acholi sub-region to implement the Northern Uganda Farmers' Livelihood Improvement Project (NUFLIP), a market-oriented project seeking to boost farmers' income security and to improve their quality of life through the production of vegetable crops.



The project organized in Gulu, the 3rd Joint Technical Committee (JTC) meeting and Agro-dealers Forum from 24th – 25th October, 2018. These two events saw the participation of representatives from JICA led by Mr. Fukase Yutaka, the Chief Representative, MAAIF, District Local Governments, Agro-input dealers, NUFLIP Project team, just to mention a few. While the JTC meeting was meant to assess the progress of the project and strategize on the way forward, the Agro-dealers' Forum was aimed at strengthening linkages between farmers and Agro-dealers.

Following the successful implementation with the three model districts (Gulu, Kitgum and Pader), the JTC officially welcomed five more (Agago, Lamwo, Nwoya, Omoro and Amuru) districts into NUFLIP implying that the entire Acholi sub-region is now covered by the project. On the other hand, the Agro-dealers' Forum emphasized the need for Agro-input dealers to conduct further research on farmers' preferences on farm equipment, fertilizer, pesticides, etc.; extension officers were also informed of the need to share information of the above-mentioned eight districts to help input dealers make informed business decisions to cater for the farmers' needs.



As a part of the events, a joint team of JICA and MAAIF representatives made a farm field visit to three (3) farmer groups involved in tomato and cabbage growing in Unyama sub-county (Gulu district). The team also observed the Training of Trainers (ToTs) for Agricultural Officers in Acholi sub-region during which they were introduced to the framework of improvement of quality of life as well as project cycle management.



Mariam Kaweesa joins JICA Uganda Office as Programme Assistant



Hello, everyone. My name is Kaweesa Mariam and I have joined JICA as a new Assistant Programme Officer for Agriculture, Water and Environment. I am coming from a private sector background with three years' experience. I have always had a profound interest in social development and social works. As a continuous learner in the world of social development, I believe that joining JICA is a great opportunity to further my career and contribute to the development of my country. I'm extremely grateful for a friendly environment at JICA and look forward to contributing to its development mission. **Thank you so much!!!!!!!**



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FUJIFILM in Medical System Industry

We, FUJIFILM, have developed "Computed Radiography System" for the first time in the world which can replace "analog X-ray film". Nowadays, we are leading this industry. Developing an image with an analog X-ray film keeps patients waiting for about 15 - 20 minutes, but FUJIFILM Computed Radiography requires only 5 minutes to confirm a high quality image after shooting X-ray. Also, it doesn't require chemicals for development. Its eco-friendly concept is well accepted worldwide.

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Good Medical Service

FUJIFILM is willing to create better medical infrastructure in Uganda. We are proud of offering very reliable products with "Japan Quality".

We have already installed various kinds of our systems to many hospitals in Uganda. We would like to contribute more to improving the healthcare situation in Uganda.



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