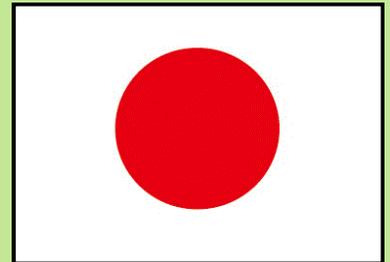




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## MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

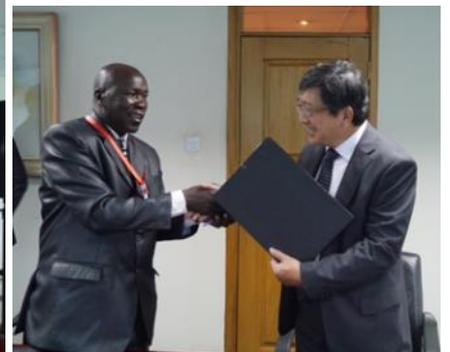
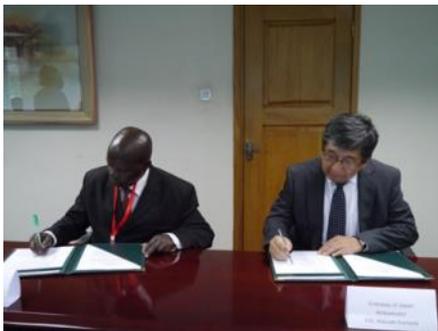
This year Japan is going to host G20 Summit in Osaka in June and organize TICAD 7 in Yokohama in August to lead the important policy frameworks of international economic and development agenda. I hope my Embassy will make substantial contribution especially to the success of TICAD 7 in close collaboration with the Government of Uganda.

### EVENTS IN JANUARY

#### JAN. 9: FOUR NEW GGP PROJECTS SIGNED

Ambassador Kameda signed four (4) grant contracts on 9th January at the Embassy of Japan, for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totaling over 1.4 billion Uganda shillings (US\$ 404,076) with representatives of the recipient organizations. The new projects will be implemented in Serere, Arua, Kamuli, and Gulu district.

Our commitments in Uganda have successfully improved millions of people's lives through the construction of boreholes, class rooms, boys' and girls' dormitories, maternity wards and infectious disease wards, and the procurement of ambulances, school buses and trucks. With the four new projects signed, the number of projects implemented in Uganda through GGP will reach 239.



#### JAN. 22-24: JAPANESE CABINET SECRETARIAT VISIT

The Japanese Government dispatched a delegation of the Cabinet Secretariat to Kampala to have a series of discussions with relevant authorities including Hon. Minister of Health Dr. Aceng. The purpose of this visit was to prepare for the upcoming TICAD7 conference in August this year in Tokyo, as Japan is aiming to launch a new initiative in the health sector.



## **JAN. 24: JAPANESE NGO SIGNED A GRANT CONTRACT & LAUNCHING CEREMONY HELD**

Ambassador Kameda signed a grant contract with Community Road Empowerment (CORE) for a project entitled, “Community Access Road Repair using Do-nou technology (wrapping soil in a gunny bag) through utilization of locally available materials and participatory approach by the youth (Phase 1)” on 24th January. The grant amount of 187,625 USD (approx. 700 million UGX) has been provided by the Government of Japan for the project. The launching ceremony took place at the same time of the signing a grant contract in Kamwokya.



The project aims to improve current conditions of community access roads through transferring the practical road maintenance methods of Do-nou technology and empower the youth groups in Central Kampala and multipurpose cooperative members in Wakiso District.

## **JAN. 25: JAPANESE NGO SIGNED A GRANT CONTRACT**

Ambassador Kameda signed a grant contract with Terra Renaissance for a project entitled, “Self-resilience support for South Sudanese refugees and Host community – Vocational training and business setup support for vulnerable people – Phase II” on 25th January. The grant amount of 285,616 USD (approx. 1 billion UGX) has been provided by the Government of Japan for the project.

The project aims to support South Sudanese refugees and Host community to be self-reliant and enhance community stabilization and social development. The project provides vulnerable people of refugees and host community with vocational trainings and business setup support.



## **COMING UP NEXT**

### **FEB. 6-7 : UGANDA-JAPAN STUDY FAIR AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

University of Hokkaido and 3 other Japanese Universities will hold a “Uganda - Japan Academic and Student Exchange Fair 2019” at Makerere University on 6-7th Feb. from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. This fair will provide participants information about the Japanese universities admission method, how to apply for scholarship programme, study environment in Japan, etc. to promote foreign students to study in Japan. The event is free entrance and this is the best opportunity to find out what can be expected in Japanese universities and how you can apply. Please come along with your friends.

### **JAPANESE NGO WILL SIGN A GRANT CONTRACT & COMMISSIONING CEREMONY TO BE HELD**

Ambassador Kameda will sign a grant contract with Save the Children Japan (SCJ) worth 567,985 USD (approx. 2 billion UGX) for a project entitled, “Project for Strengthening the Capacity of the Communities to Respond to Disasters and Adapt Climate Change for Vulnerable People in West Uganda (2nd Year)”, for disaster risk reduction and preparedness in Kasese district.

The project aims at strengthening the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)/Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) capacity of vulnerable communities in Kasese District through the empowerment of the community DRR/CCA structure and support their activities to prepare for and respond to disasters, to mitigate the risk of disasters, and facilitate people to adapt to climate change.



### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE JICA INTERN



Hello everyone! I am Kanna Shikita, an intern at JICA Uganda Office. The duration of the internship is about two months

and I will stay here until the end of March. Uganda is my first African country. I am so excited to work and stay here, the Pearl of Africa.

### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MASAKO TSUZUKI - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Hello, good to see you everyone!

My name is Masako TSUZUKI, working with JICA UGANDA Office as a Short-term Volunteer Coordinator from 15th Jan to July. I have so far worked in Syria, South Africa, Bhutan as a volunteer coordinator as well.

My specialty is social work for PWDs, especially assisting people with mental disorder in order to rework at companies and achieve social participation. This is the first time to visit UGANDA, I was impressed by friendly people in the office. I am expecting to have good relationship with them.



### FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM YAMAGAMI KEISUKE - REPRESENTATIVE

When you receive this message, I have left the country already and working in another country. Though my assignment in Uganda was less than 2 years, I have had a lot of experience in both challenging and exciting tasks. I appreciate everyone I met in Uganda for giving me such a wonderful time.

**May you always be happy !**



### 15 VOLUNTEERS COMPLETE THEIR ASSIGNMENT IN UGANDA

We greatly thank the 15 JICA volunteers who have served in local communities in Uganda. They have actively participated in the fields of Education, Health, Youth Activities and Community Development. The volunteers paid a courtesy call to the Ambassador before leaving the country.



## KAMPALA FLYOVER GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

19th December, 2018 will be forever etched in the history of Kampala; as the day when the construction of Kampala Flyover was inaugurated. The colorful function was attended by dignitaries of Uganda and Japan, including H.E. President Museveni. The only one of its kind in Uganda, this unique high quality infrastructure will solely be built with clear-cut Japanese technology whilst ensuring the highest quality of safety standards.

When completed, the project will add beauty to the skyline of Kampala making the city much more attractive. The travel time for motorists from the Ministry of Internal Affairs on Jinja road to Queensway will be shortened to around 5 to 7 minutes as opposed to the current 30-45minutes and motorists will be able to drive at 50km/hr across this project compared to current city driving speeds of 14km/hr. In addition, pedestrians will be able to walk and cross safely with ease. At a cost of JPY19.989 billion (approx. \$180million), the project funded by JICA will be implemented by Shimizu-Konoike Joint venture.

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## SHIMIZU-KONOIKE JOINT VENTURE

Shimizu-Konoike Joint Venture has been engaged as the Contractor for Kampala Flyover Construction and Road Upgrading Project: Lot-1 (Package 1: Clock Tower Flyover & Package 2: Nsambya – Mukwano Road) implemented by the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA).

Shimizu Corporation, which is one of the major General Contractors in Japan, and Konoike Construction, which has a long working experience in Uganda, constituted the Joint Venture for this project to deliver “Quality Infrastructure”.

This project is a part of the UNRA’s mission “to develop and maintain a national road network responsive to the economic needs of Uganda, for the safety of all users, and to environmental sustainability of the national roads corridors”.

The objectives of the project are to mitigate traffic congestion and facilitate urban transportation in Kampala City, through construction of flyovers, widening of the roads and improvement of junctions in Kampala city, thereby contributing to the sustainable economic and social development of Uganda, as well as vitalization of logistics and transport to and from the neighboring countries.

On 19th December 2018, the ground breaking ceremony was held, officiated by the President H.E. Yoweri Museveni.

Shimizu-Konoike JV will implement this project with motto “Three-Way Satisfaction”, which means that what benefits you, should ultimately also benefit your partners and the society to contribute further to the development of Uganda.



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