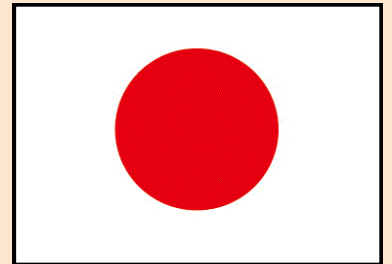




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MESSAGE FROM THE CHARGE D' AFFAIRES MR. MIZUMOTO HORII

I am honored to have been able to attend many functions and receptions as charge d' affaires ad interim in this month most especially the launch of the Anti-Mosquito Paint by the Japanese paint manufacturer Kansai-Plascon which was very impressive as you will read. Please enjoy the magazine of this month.

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



FEB. 4: JAPANESE NGO SIGNED A GRANT CONTRACT



Mr. Mizumoto Horii signed a grant contract with Save the Children Japan 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)" on 4th February at Kampala. The grant amount of 567,985 USD (approx. 2 billion UGX) has been provided by the Government of Japan for the project.

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

FEB. 5: KANSAI PLASCON ANTI MOSQUITO PAINT LAUNCHED

Kansai-Plascon, a joint investment by Kansai-Paint, the Japanese leading manufacturer, launched the Anti-Mosquito paint at their factory situated in Namanve industrial park. Mr. Horii, charge d' affaires ad interim, had an honor to make a remark mentioning that "this project contributes to wiping malaria out of Uganda, increases on paint business and further brings benefits such as sustainable development". The launch was graced by the President of the Republic of Uganda H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who emphasized the importance of eliminating malaria and mentioned about the good relations between Uganda and Japan. Also in attendance at the launch was the Sudanese Vice president H.E. Osman Mohamed Yousif Kibir.

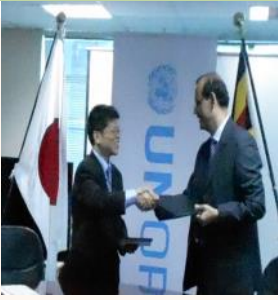
FEB. 7: UGANDA JAPAN STUDENT EXCHANGE FAIR

On 7th February, 4 Japanese universities including Hokkaido University and 5 Japanese organizations gathered to hold Uganda Japan Student Exchange Fair at Fairway Hotel & Spa. Around 170 Ugandan students participated in the fair.

Japanese Embassy representative explained about Japanese government scholarship which will be opening to Ugandan student from April 2019, offering scholarship opportunity to Undergraduate and Graduate level students. For people who want to apply for the Japanese government scholarship, please check Embassy HP after April to download and fill the Application form. Also past exam papers are available on, <https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/toj/toj0302e-32.html#1>, please study and be ready for the exam if you are seriously aiming to avail the scholarship which will definitely be a chance of your lifetime.



FEB. 19: GRANT FOR NYARA BRIDGE IN ARUA



The signing ceremony of the Exchange of Notes for the project entitled “Construction of Nyara Bridge in Arua District” was held on 19th February at the Embassy of Japan. The Exchange of Notes was signed between Mr. Mizumoto Horii, Charge d’Affaires ad interim and Mr. Idris Ahmed, Head of Support Services and Director ad interim, UNOPS Kenya Multi Country Office. The grant amount of 183 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 1.65 million or UGX 6 billion) has been provided to UNOPS to support the social and economic activities of the Rhino settlement refugees and host communities over a period of two years from March 2019 to October 2021. The road transport capacity will be strengthened through the construction of Nyara bridge in Arua District, West Nile by UNOPS.

FEB. 21: LAUNCHING CEREMONY HELD AT ADJUMANI

The launching ceremony was held on 21st February in Pagirinya Refugee Settlement, Adjumani District in the presence of Mr. Mizumoto Horii for the project entitled “Self-reliance support for South Sudanese refugees and Host Community - Vocational training and business setup support for vulnerable people- Phase II”. The grant contract with amount of 285,616 USD (approx. 1 billion UGX) was signed on 25th January at Kampala. The project aims to support South Sudanese refugees and host communities to be self-reliant and enhance community stabilization and social development. The project provides vulnerable people of refugees and host communities with vocational trainings and business setup support.



FEB. 22: GGP PROJECT COMMISSIONED IN ADJUMANI



The Embassy of Japan handed over “The Project for the Construction of a Science Laboratory Block at Dzaipi Secondary School in Adjumani District”. This project was signed between the Embassy and Dzaipi Secondary School in 9th March 2015 with a total grant of 101,605 USD (approx. 250 million UGX). The grant was used for construction of a three-room science laboratory block including furnishing and supply of teaching equipment.

Mr. Mizumoto Horii, Charge d’Affaires ad interim, officiated the commissioning of this project in the presence of Rt. Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, First Deputy Prime Minister.

FEB. 26: JAPAN TO SUPPORT THE KAMPALA TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT

On 26th February, Japan and Uganda signed the Exchange of Notes and the Grant Agreement for “The Project for Improvement of Traffic Control in Kampala City (Detailed Design)” to provide grant aid of up to 93 million Japanese yen (approx. USD 0.84 million or UGX 2.9 billion). This project aims to make a detailed design for the project whose components include the construction of a Traffic Control Centre (TCC), installation of traffic control system equipment and ICT equipment as well as signalization of 30 junctions. The project to be implemented in partnership with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), as executing agency, will contribute to traffic flow improvement by reducing the severe traffic congestion and thereby positively impacting on the sustainable development of the city in the long run. Approximately 4 million people who commute through or live within Kampala will benefit from this project.





UP-COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

MARCH 15-17: JAPAN FILM FESTIVAL 2019

Embassy of Japan is hosting a **Japan film festival from 15th—17th March 2019 at National Theater, Kampala.**

This year's movies feature action, comedy, and animation, and we would like many people to join us. Therefore, please spread the information and come with your friends and families. Entrance is free! For more details, please see the attached file.

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MARCH 20: LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT KASESE

Ambassador Kameda will attend a launching ceremony with Save the Children Japan at Kasese district for the 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)". The grant contract was signed between the Embassy and Save the Children Japan on 4th February at Kampala.

JICA'S NEWSROOM

FEBRUARY 2019

Technical Working Group Meeting (TWG)

From 4th to 7th of February 2019, the project for Capacity Development of Developmental Community Welfare for CDOs under the Project for Strengthening Community Resilience in Acholi and West Nile Sub Regions (WACAP) conducted the 4th Technical Working Group (TWG) for the project in Zombo, West Nile sub-region and Nwoya, Acholi sub-region.

During this TWG, the team observed farmers' groups supported by the project and interacted with the group members.



Representative of the Office of the Prime Minister participating in ploughing of the field together with the community.



The CAO of Zombo participating in the cleaning of the animal shelter together with the community groups in Zombo.

The farmers exhibited their achievements in terms of the products for their farms.

The TWG was graced by the presence of the Representative of the MOLG, OPM and the NPA. The central government representatives participated in some of the group activities e.g. Ploughing, and cleaning of the animal shelter and enjoyed working together and helping the community.



Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) NERICA RICE TRAINING

For almost 10-years, the Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) project in partnership with the National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCRRI) has organized the JOCV NERICA Rice training at the Regional Rice Research and Training Centre (RRRTC), NaCRRI, Namulonge. The training seeks to build technical capacity for rice production on the African continent.

Initiated by NaCRRI, with the support of Mr. Tatsushi Tsuboi, the training initially targeted only JOCVs in the sub-Saharan region, as trainees. However, recent years have seen the inclusion of JOCV counterparts as beneficiaries of the training. This year's training, running from 11th – 22nd February, 2019 has seen one of the largest number of participants, 50, picked from seven (7) African countries including; Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda and Zambia.

In his remarks on the first day of the training, the Chief Representative of JICA



reminded participants of their responsibility to not only learn as much as possible from the training but also share the lessons drawn from the training with their compatriots back home.

Six New JICA Volunteers Arrived in Uganda

29th January 2019, new volunteers (one nurse and five community development) arrived in Uganda from Japan.

After one month in-country training (Local Language etc.) in Kampala, they are going to be dispatched to different districts for Rice Promotion, Livelihood, Water-Sanitation and Refugee Settlement Support. Currently, 48 volunteers are in 28 different districts in Uganda.



MINAMI DRIVING SCHOOL

COMPANY PROFILE NO. 16



We are Minami Uganda Solutions Ltd, a Japanese company managing Minami Driving School in Uganda. Traffic accidents occur in Uganda every day, but most of these can be prevented. In fact, the rear-end collisions and other accidents in Uganda can be prevented 100% if drivers keep enough space between the cars, which amount to Interval of 4 seconds movement of the cars.

It is said that for normal person it takes at least 2.5 seconds to step on the brakes after realizing danger, and most of the time because people usually have low concentration, we require 3.5 seconds to react. Therefore leaving space amounting to 4 seconds movement of the vehicle between cars can prevent rear-end collisions 100% of the time. Other accidents too can be prevented, if drivers know the defensive driving techniques so please contact us for more information.



Our company aims to provide world-class high-quality driver training services by using simulators and scientifically proven knowledge allowing students to be familiar with Japanese defensive driving skills. We are also thinking of making our driving school both a service provider and employer to clients. We train instructors on how to effectively train skills and skillfully transfer knowledge to driving school students. Currently, we are at the final stage of registrations with the government. We hope to obtain the permission to officially operate by April.



We charge UGX 550,000 for our services, exclusive of the permit application fees. In case you doubt yours or employee's driving skills, please come to Minami Driving School, because we focus on ways to safe driving to avoid accidents.

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JAPAN FILM FESTIVAL 2019

AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE

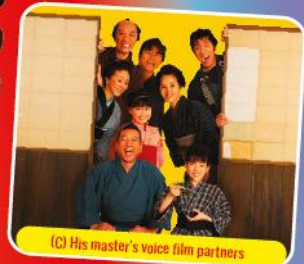
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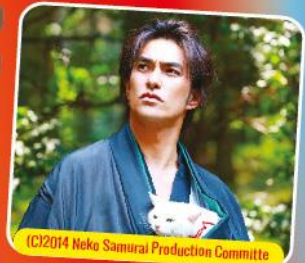
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(C) His master's voice film partners



(C)2016 "Rudolf the Black Cat" Film Partners



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MOVIE SCHEDULE

15TH / MARCH / 2019

OPENING

18:00 - 18:20 Opening Ceremony

18:20 - 20:00 "Nekosamurai"

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11:00 - 13:00 "Rudolf the Black Cat"

14:00 - 16:00 "His Master's Voice"

17:00 - 19:00 "Oshin"

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FREE ENTRANCE

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