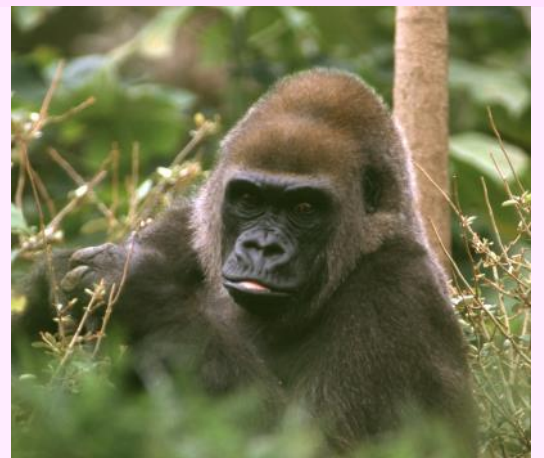
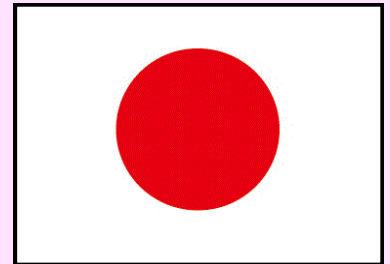




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The current Emperor will abdicate on today, 30th April 2019. The Crown Prince will ascend the throne of the Emperor on 1st May. With the enthronement a New Era will begin in Japan. Japanese citizens are welcoming the New Era with prayers for peace and prosperity. I extend my most sincere wish that people in Uganda will share joyful and hopeful moments with us on this auspicious occasion!



## EVENTS IN APRIL 4月の行事

### APRIL 9-10: GGP HANDOVER CEREMONY

Ambassador Kameda commissioned two projects in Acholi Regions. The project in Lamwo District was for the Construction of a Girls' Dormitory in St. Mary's College – Madi Opei worth 87,728 USD (approx. 310 million UGX) . According to Hon. Molly Lanyero, woman MP of Lamwo District, the dormitory is the best in the District. The project in Agago District was for the Construction of a Science Laboratory in Akwang Secondary School worth 76,286 USD (approx. 270 million UGX) . Acholi region has been suffering and striving to brush out the effects of the 20 years of the Lord Resistance Army. We are glad of GGP's contribution to its recovery and development process in the region.



### APRIL 12: ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC ANTI-POACHING OUTPOST FOR ELEPHANTS



Handover Ceremony of a Strategic Anti-Poaching Outpost for Elephants was held in the Queen Elizabeth National Park. This project was funded by the Government of Japan in cooperation with the Secretariat of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Deputy Head of Mission, Mizumoto Horii, commissioned the Lions Bay Ranger post. The new outpost is part of Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA)'s larger Recovery of QENP programme. The Government of Japan contributed 55,000 US\$ to Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE) Programme established by CITES.

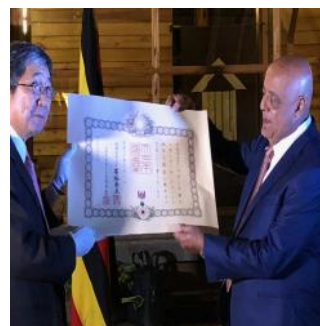
### APRIL 16: JAPAN CONTRIBUTES US\$ 7.5 MILLION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARDS REFUGEES AND HOST COMMUNITIES

During the joint press conference held at Uganda Media Center on 16th April, the Government of Japan announced a fresh contribution of US\$ 7.5 million to the United Nations to support refugees and host communities in Uganda over a period of one year from March 2019 to March 2020. The support will go to five UN agencies such as UNHCR, WFP, IOM, UNICEF and UNOPS. The official announcement was made by Ambassador Kameda, jointly organized with the Minister of Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, Hon. Onek and the IOM Chief of Mission, Mr. Abdi on behalf of the UN System in Uganda and representatives from each UN agencies.



## APRIL 16: MR.LALANI'S CONFERMENT CEREMONY

Mr. Sikander Lalani, Chairman of Roofings Group, received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette from the Emperor for his contribution to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening the economic relationship between Japan and Uganda. His conferment ceremony was held at Yamasen Japanese Restaurant in the presence of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda.



## APRIL 25: JAPANESE NGO COMMISSIONED IN YUMBE DISTRICT

Ambassador Kameda attended the commissioning ceremony for the project by Japanese NGO, AAR Japan, at Ariwa Secondary School in Yumbe. The project has been implemented in order to create a conducive environment for education, such as building science rooms and teacher's accommodation in Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe and Imvepi refugee settlement in Arua with a total funding of approximately 1 million USD (3.6 billion UGX).



## APRIL 26: COMPLETION CEREMONY FOR PARIDI STADIUM IN ADJUMANI DISTRICT

The completion ceremony for Paridi stadium in Adjumani took place in the presence of Ambassador Kameda. The Paridi stadium was constructed as part of the refugee support project by UNHCR, which was funded by Japanese emergency grant scheme with a total funding of 4 million USD (14.5 billion UGX). The stadium is expected to promote peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities.



## ANNOUNCEMENT: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN

The Embassy of Japan now accepts Japanese Government Scholarship applications for **Research Students, Undergraduate Students and College of Technology Students**. Hurry up ! Deadline is **7th June, 2019**. For details, see [https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap\\_stopj-applicationsruts.html](https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap_stopj-applicationsruts.html).



## UPCOMING EVENTS 今後の行事の予定

### APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST: THE ABDICATION OF HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR AND THE ENTHRONEMENT OF HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE

His Majesty the Emperor abdicates on 30th April, 2019 and His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince will accede to the Throne on 1st May, 2019. New Imperial Era name is "Reiwa" as from the same day. Each Japanese Emperor's reign is given a name, that is then used alongside the Western calendar to mark the years. "Reiwa" includes the meaning of culture coming into being and flourishing when people bring their hearts and minds together in a beautiful manner.



## RURAL WATER SUPPLY IN LAKE KYOGA BASIN, EASTERN UGANDA

JICA is supporting the Government of Uganda through grant aid project “Rural Water Supply in Lake Kyoga Basin, Eastern Uganda.” From 3rd to 4th April 2019, the Director, Eng. Aaron Kabirizi, and some officials at Directorate of Water Development and in the Ministry of Water and Environment visited the project site.

Through the site visit, all the participants realized the high quality works and sensed that the facilities would greatly improve the livelihood in the communities in the near future.



## UGANDA, BASEBALL NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFIES

We are so proud of one of JICA senior volunteers, Mr. Katsuhisa Tanaka also the baseball coach for The Uganda Baseball National Team over the victory attained in a qualifier game that took place from 5th – 7th April 2019 in Nairobi.

The team defeated Tanzania; 23: 1 and the Kenyan team; 13: 0.

The team will join the Baseball Africa Cup to be held in Johannesburg South Africa from 1st - 5th May 2019.

Our hope is that the team will emerge as the African Champion and advance to the next stage in Italy as Europe-Africa Olympic Qualifier scheduled on 18th -22nd September 2019.

Mr. Tanaka in his words; “We expect to win and make our dreams come true for **the Tokyo 2020 Olympics**”.



## PROMOTION OF RICE DEVELOPMENT (PRiDE II) PROJECT-PHASE II

Following the successful implementation of PRiDe (November 2011 – March 2019) which sought to boost rice production through increasing not only the number of rice farmers but also the area under rice production, PRiDe II officially commenced on 1st April, 2019.

A 5-year joint project by JICA, MAAIF and NARO, PRiDe II aims to boost rice productivity through enhancing capacity for research, extension and quality seed multiplication. The project will cover districts under the jurisdiction of Abi, Buginyanya and Rwebitaba Zonal Agricultural Research Development Institutes (ZARDIs).

### PRiDe Video Documentary

Towards the closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the PRiDe project, JICA produced a brief video documentary on the background of the project, its contribution to the development of the rice sub-sector and future plans for rice development in Uganda.

This video documentary can be accessed through; <https://www.facebook.com/jicauganda/videos/398956147318858/>



## COMMUNITY ROAD EMPOWERMENT (CORE)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Community Road Empowerment (CORE) is a Japanese International NGO established in Japan in 2007 and registered in Uganda in August 2018. CORE uses Do-nou technology as a rural road maintenance technique. “Do-nou” is a Japanese word that means wrapping soil in a gunny bag. CORE has operated in 27 countries worldwide since its establishment. CORE’s main activity is spot improvement of community rural access roads utilizing locally available materials. So far, CORE has trained over 15,000 youths/farmers and repaired more than 165km of rural road. CORE carries out spot improvement of community rural access roads utilizing locally available materials.



### CORE OFFICE IN UGANDA

On 1st February CORE-Uganda opened its office at Kamwokya. CORE-Uganda received a grant from the Government of Japan under Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO projects. For a one year project, CORE is to work on six community rural access roads; two in Kamwokya and four in Wakiso district. These sites will work as pilot sites so that the government of Uganda will appreciate the technology and incorporate it in the road maintenance manual. CORE aims to expand its operation area to other parts of Uganda in subsequent years.



### PROJECT LAUNCH CEREMONY



CORE-Uganda launch workshop was held on 1st April 2019 in Kampala and was presided over by the Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, Mr. Kazuaki Kameda. CORE Chairman, Prof. Makoto Kimura graced the occasion. Uganda Government officials from the Ministry of Works and Transport, Kampala Capital City Authority, Wakiso District Gov’t and the selected Youth members from both Kampala and Wakiso attended the event. The aim of the workshop was to kick off the project and deepen the understanding on Do-nou technology and CORE project plan.

### GROUP SELECTION & UPCOMING TRAINING

CORE has selected 160 youths and farmers (6 groups) with the help of local leaders, who will be trained with Do-nou technology under the project. Starting in late April 2019, the training will be carried out for 10 days for each group under the supervision of CORE engineers. During the trainings, six impassable sections of access roads will be repaired to make it passable all through the year. The training will include, inter-alia, discipline in financial management to fulfill CORE’s objective of “empowering the youth”. CORE has been successful in a number of countries. We, CORE staff wish to extend the message that **“Repair our roads by ourselves”** here in Uganda as well!



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