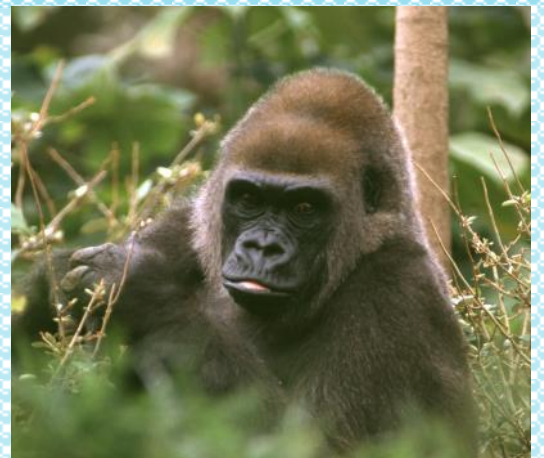
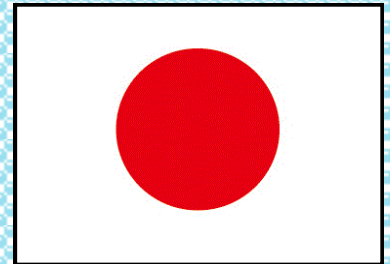




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## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

I congratulate two Ugandan athletes, Peter Kibet and Timothy Chemutai, who got 1st and 3rd place respectively on 16th June 2019 in the 26th Lake Goddess Venus marathon in Tateshina town, which will host Ugandan mid-long distance runners for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020. These achievements by high level Ugandan athletes have clearly impressed Tateshina Town's citizens, who enthusiastically cheered them. I am convinced that the marathon has a good opportunity to liven up the mood for welcoming Uganda's national team in Tateshina.



### EVENTS IN JUNE

### 6月のイベント

#### JUNE 12-13: GGP HANDOVER CEREMONY

Ambassador Kameda commissioned two projects in Acholi Regions. The project in Lamwo District was for provision of two classroom blocks, procurement of furniture and latrines for students at Childcare Padibe Primary School, worth 82,207 USD (approx. 280 million UGX) . The project in Agago District was for a girls' dormitory with a capacity for accommodating 200 girls, which was constructed to ensure a safe learning environment for the girls, worth 75,470 USD (approx. 250 million UGX). Acholi region has been suffering and striving to brush out the havoc caused by the 20 years long insurgency of the Lord Resistance Army. The Embassy is glad of GGP's contribution to its recovery and development process in the region.



#### JUNE 21: ROAD OPENING CEREMONY BY CORE AT WAKISO

The road opening ceremony for Nakedde-Naseeta and Luguzi- Budalla Kitula roads that were repaired in eight (8) days using Do-nou technology from Japan was held on 21st June 2019 at Nakedde Hunger free zone offices . CORE, a Japanese NGO, commenced a Japan-funded project titled "Community Access Road Repair using Do-nou technology through utilization of locally available materials and participatory approach by youth (Phase 1)" in February 2019. CORE has successfully completed its first training in Kamwokya, Kampala in May 2019. The second training in Wakiso was also completed on 20th June 2019 in Nakedde and Luguzi. In the Road Opening Ceremony, Ambassador Kameda commissioned the newly repaired roads to the public.





## TICAD7 (2)

As of today, TICAD has been held six times. Until TICAD V in 2013, the meetings were held every 5 years since 1993. TICAD VI in 2016 was held in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) for the first time in its history. From 2016 onwards, TICAD is to be held every three years alternately in Africa and Japan.

In TICAD VI, Japan made a commitment to invest for the future of Africa through implementing measures centering on developing quality infrastructure, building resilient health systems and laying the foundations for peace and stability, amounting to approx. USD 30 billion under public-private partnership in entire African countries.

In TICAD VI, Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, held a Japan-Uganda Summit Meeting with H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. Prime Minister Abe expressed the desire to promote the entry of Japanese businesses into Uganda, and to jointly promote the development of the trade and investment environment. Furthermore, he announced the intent to provide Loan Aid up to the amount of approximately 124 million USD (approximately, 460 billion UGX ) to develop the electricity transmission and transformation network in Kampala, which project is currently carried out. In response, President Museveni expressed gratitude for Japanese ODA to date including the provision of this Loan Aid, and expressed the desire to promote a sustainable business relationship with Japan in the future.



## JAPANESE ANIMATION AIRED ON STARTV

Japan is famous for producing many animation films and Japanese animation is highly appreciated in many countries. **This year, StarTV is airing for the first time in Uganda, "Tico and Friends", a classic Japanese animation TV series for school aged children at every Saturday from 7:30AM in Luganda language (started from 15th June but there will rerun of those episodes as well).** Story is full of adventure about traveling around the world to find Glowing Whale. This broadcasting is realized in cooperation with the Japan Foundation.



## G20 AND 2025 EXPO IN OSAKA

Japan assumed the G20 presidency for the very first time and hosted the G20 Osaka Summit on June 28 and 29, 2019, which is the largest summit meeting that Japan has ever hosted. Osaka has historically prospered as a commercial hub. Its unique tradition and culture, including food culture, has recently gained much reputation at home and abroad. Many delegations from all over the world, including US President Trump, Russian President Putin, and Chinese President Xi Jinping among others, visited Japan on the occasion of the Osaka Summit.

Osaka will also host World Expo 2025, which will be a perfect opportunity for tourists to visit Osaka and enjoy the wonderful foods and many famous tourist sites such as Osaka Castle. Japan continues to wish to welcome many tourists from all over the world.



## JICA'S NEWS ROOM

### COMMISSIONING AND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY AT NAKAWA VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (NVTI)

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is currently supporting Nakawa Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) through the TVET-LEAD project. On 6th of June 2019, NVTI held its graduation ceremony and over 600 graduates received diploma and certificates in different trades.



A number of dignitaries graced the occasion but notable was the Chief guest Mr. Alex Kakooza, Permanent Secretary (PS) of Ministry of Education and Sports, who represented the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, and there were also H.E Kazuaki Kameda, the Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, Mr. Fukase Yutaka, the Chief Representative of JICA, and many other dignitaries from the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES), Development Partners, Private sector, etc..

At this ceremony the PS, Ministry of Education and Sports, commissioned the automobile workshop constructed with funding from JICA and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Magazine made in commemoration of this collaboration was distributed to the dignitaries at the graduation ceremony.



### THE SOLTILO TICAD CUP



On 25th of May, 2019, JICA and SARAYA supported a one day event dubbed the SOLTILO TICAD (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) CUP to create awareness on the TICAD that is going to take place in August this year in Yokohama – Japan. The event was graced by H.E Kazuaki Kameda – Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, Mr. Yutaka Fukase –the Chief Representative of JICA and other dignitaries from Saraya, JICA and the Embassy of Japan.

The SOLTILO Co. Ltd. is a company, which expands business of football academy called “SOLTILO FAMILIA SOCCER SCHOOL” to Japanese youth based on the philosophy of Keisuke Honda (Japanese Professional Footballer), who has been holding “Africa Dream Soccer Tour” since 2017. The SOLTILO Co. Ltd. has been collaborating with Bright Stars FC to aid vulnerable children in Uganda, to develop their talents and gain exposure.

Four children football teams including Gayaza, Ashinaga, St. John’s and Kabira took part in the one-day football tournament. Gayaza youth soccer team emerged as the champion of the tournament after winning all their matches on that Saturday at Kololo. They beat Ashinaga 1-0, in the opening match before thumping St. John’s and Kabila teams 2-0 each, to finish the top of the four-team table with 9 points.



## JICA'S NEWS ROOM

### TO REFLECT ON WHAT JICA IS DOING IN THE REFUGEE SUPPORT TO UGANDA, HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS;



JICA has concluded a Social infrastructure survey in the Refugee hosting districts of West Nile (mostly hosting South Sudan refugees). From the result of the survey; a number of project profiles were identified.

Since then through funding from the Government of Japan, UNOPS will construct a bridge connecting to Refugee settlements in order to ease transportation of humanitarian aid and service delivery. As a result of the survey, JICA is now considering a grant aid project to improve a road linking the Refugee hosting district of Yumbe to Arua with the hope that this will improve service delivery to both settlements and host communities. JICA through collaboration with UNHCR has been conducting the Promotion for Rice Development (PRiDe) project to support the improvement of Rice production among the refugees to enhance their self-reliance. Through this project, the refugees work together with the host communities who provide the land for farming, and learn how to grow rice to support their families as well as for sale. This has improved co-existence between the refugees and the host communities in Northern Uganda and further re-enforces Uganda's open door policy and settlement policy. We hope that the notion of "Leaving no one behind" will be realized through these projects.



### JICA VOLUNTEER UPDATE;

Two JICA volunteers one in Namutumba and the other in Wakiso completed their two-year assignment and returned to Japan on 17th of June. Here are their remarks of their experience;

#### Tippy tap water workshop



My name is Yumi Otaka, worked at Namutumba district water office. I had been focusing on promotion of household sanitation to prevent infectious diseases and improvement of maintenance of water sources by communities. I was very happy working with active people in villages. I appreciate their effort in these activities and also support of colleagues of the water office.

#### Local farm research

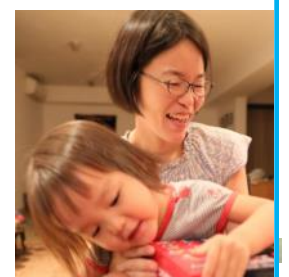


My name is Daiki Shitomi. I was engaging in promoting rice cultivation in NaCRRI in Wakiso. I conducted the investigation for rice farmers to determine the impact of JICA's rice project in Uganda. I interviewed over 300 farmers in 2 years. I tried to grasp effects and challenges of the rice project. I could get valuable data and information from farmers. I am trying how applying this data for the project to offer better rice training for farmers. I

hope my activity will contribute to the project and farmer's happiness.

#### NEW STAFF

Hello, I am Lisa Uda, new representative in charge of General affairs and PR in JICA Uganda. I still clearly remember the moment I fell in love with this beautiful country. It was the moment I saw a view from a window of the plane that was about to land. So much greenery and a flock of white birds flying over Lake Victoria...I instantly knew that I'd enjoy my new adventure here and would do my best as a tiny part to Uganda's development!



# JAPANESE BUSINESS SCENE IN UGANDA

COMPANY PROFILE NO. 17



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