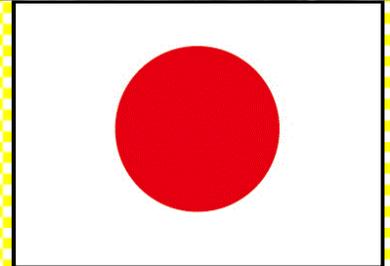




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Social occasions, such as National day receptions hosted by colleague Ambassadors and launching events, give us great networking opportunities. In one of such recent occasions, I came across Ugandan business persons who are exporting milk powder and honey bee products to Japan respectively. These are new export items to Japanese market. I am also hearing about ongoing business talks on export of Uganda's vegetable products to Japan. These are very encouraging trends as export items to Japan appear to get diversified. I am willing to assist in one way or another such business talks in bearing "fruits".



EVENTS IN JULY

7月のイベント

JULY 22-23: GGP COMMISSIONING CEREMONY IN DOKOLO AND LIRA DISTRICTS



Ambassador Kameda commissioned two GGP projects in Lango Region. The project in Dokolo District was for provision of two classroom blocks, two latrine blocks, and installed one water tank and a set of furniture in order to decongest classrooms and improve the learning environment at Atur Primary School, worth 84,349 USD (approx. 265 million UGX) .

The project in Lira District was for provision of an infectious disease ward and an ambulance to improve medical environment and facilitate transport service, worth 104,812 USD (approx. 259 million UGX).



JULY 30: AMBASSADOR KAMEDA'S VISIT TO JAPANESE NATURING PROJECT AND COMPUTER CLASS AT PRECIOUS JEWELS NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the invitation of Naturing project, Ambassador Kameda visited Precious jewels nursery and primary school to encourage students to learn Japanese language and computer. The students showcased their skills in computer Microsoft PowerPoint presentation and talking to Kameda with basic Japanese. Ambassador Kameda applauded Naturing Project for its great role for improving students' computer



skills, teaching Japanese language as well as fostering cultural exchange between Japanese and Ugandans. Kameda also promised to develop more partnership to support these programmes.



ANNOUNCEMENT

今後の行事予定& お知らせ

TICAD (3)

The theme of the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) to be held from 28th to 30th August 2019 has been decided as follows:

“Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation”.

This theme matches Japan's strengths such as human resource development as well as science, technology and innovation. TICAD 7 will be filled with various agendas along with many side events including the Business Forum where top executives from Japan, Africa and other foreign countries active at the forefront of African business will introduce the latest trends and partnerships in African business to spur new opportunities. Under this theme, Japan intends to strongly boost Africa's development through assistance that is unique to Japan.



MEXT SCHOLARSHIP 2020 SELECTION CONDUCTED

Japanese Embassy appreciate your great interests in applying for this year's scholarship selection. Japanese Government offers 3 types of scholarship every year, ①Master/PhD, ②Undergraduate, and ③College of Technology.

For this year, we had the following number of applications.

These recommended students by the Embassy will go through final selection by MEXT in Tokyo in comparison with students

	Application #	Shortlisted for Written Exam	Shortlisted for Oral Interview	Recommended by EoJ
Master/PhD	48	15	5	4
Undergraduate	52	15	5	3
College of Tech	27	15	5	3
Total	127	45	15	10

from other countries and final Scholarship students will be decided.

Embassy of Japan in Uganda hopes that many students will get the opportunity to study in Japan to strengthen the cordial bilateral relationship between Japan and Uganda.

AUGUST 13: GGP COMMISSIONING IN MASAKA DISTRICT

Commissioning Ceremony of “The Project for Supplying an Ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital Kitovu in Masaka District ” will be held on 13th August at Hospital's compound. Ambassador Kameda will commission and hand over a well-equipped ambulance which has been donated to the hospital. St. Joseph's Kitovu. The hospital is a private not-for-profit organization with 256 bed capacity and provides medical services to over 160,000 people from 8 districts including Masaka. This project procured a reconditioned ambulance and installed a set of medical equipment in order to provide safer medical services to at least 720 people annually in the area. The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. So far, a total of 245 projects worth 19,239,178 USD have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.



JICA'S NEWS ROOM

EDUCATIONAL TOUR FOR PUPILS (AS PART OF THE SOLTILO TICAD CUP) AT NAKAWA VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (NVTI)

As part of the SOLTILO TICAD cup that took place on the 25th of May 2019, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and SOLTILO organized an educational Tour to Nakawa Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) and Mayondo Engineering works Ltd whose founder is an ex-participant of JICA Knowledge CO-Creation Program (KCCP) on the 29th of June 2019.



The Educational tour aimed at helping the children appreciate not only football but also other professions and change their mind - set especially towards the TVET (Technical Vocational Education and Training). The participants were from; St. John Bosco Katende Primary School, Kabila Umea Primary School – Mpigi, Children from Gayaza area and Ashinaga Uganda.

Since this is the first to undertaking of this kind, JICA hopes to organize such tours in future since the children enjoyed the Tour and some promised that in future they will consider pursuing trainings in TVET area.



PROGRESS OF KAMPALA FLYOVER PROJECT

Following the commencement of the Kampala Flyover Project in May, 2019, the contractor continues to mobilize resources, conduct additional geo-technical investigations as well as finalize with the base camp set up.

The project funded by JICA and Government of Uganda, is being constructed by a Joint Venture of Shimizu Corporation and Konoike Construction Co. Ltd and supervised by the Joint Venture of Nippon Koei and Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants in association with ICS on behalf of UNRA.



Clock Tower flyover

It is projected that this first phase of the project spanning along Queen's Way to Nsambya Junction above the clock tower will be completed by December 2021.



Kitgum House flyover



JICA'S NEWS ROOM

TV5 MONDE CREW

The 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7), Heads of Government level meeting slated for 28th– 30th August, 2019 will be held in Yokohama, Japan. French TV5 Monde will feature the TICAD 2019 TV Report covering Japan investments in four (4) African countries, including Uganda. Given Uganda's leadership role in the introduction of New Rice for Africa (NERICA), in East Africa, a TV5 Monde crew was in Uganda from 9th – 12th July, 2019 to feature Japan's investment and its contribution to rice production and productivity in the country. Accordingly, interviews with key stakeholders in the rice industry of Uganda, including; Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries; Director of National Crop Resources Research Institute; Chief Advisor of the Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe 2) Project were covered. Additionally, there were also interactions with rice farmers in refugee settlements as well as host communities in Adjumani district. The TICAD 2019 TV Report will feature the interviews and field experiences as a part of Uganda's rice story.

There is consensus that JICA's intervention in the rice industry has greatly contributed to the increase in rice production and thus, income and food security amongst target communities in Uganda.



Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

UGANDA OPEN INNOVATION CHALLENGE POWERED BY JICA

The 2nd edition of the Uganda Open Innovation Challenge powered by JICA was organized on 23rd July 2019. The Challenge is meant to attract talented innovators, developers and entrepreneurs to come up with effective solutions to challenges the Agriculture sector in Uganda is facing.

The 2nd edition, in which six (6) start-up companies participated, had a Proof of Concept (PoC) planning session, which was meant to brush up the developed business models and identify the most appropriate Plan of Concept (PoC) for maximum social impact. The feedback from the PoC planning session was presented on 25th July 2019 at which the developed business models were evaluated and ranked.

FAREWELL: Tsuzuki Masako (VC) Project Formulation Advisor (JICA)



Now I bid adieu for everyone!

Time waits for nobody. It has really passed so quickly. I do very much appreciate the support from JICA staff since I came here. I enjoyed working together with everyone in JICA office, I won't forget it forever. If I was given an opportunity, I'd see you again!

Thank you so much again.



JAPANESE NGO SCENE IN UGANDA

SAVE THE CHILDREN

NGO PROFILE NO. 5

GENERAL INFORMATION

Save the Children is one of the world largest independent child rights organisations, working to ensure that most vulnerable children survive, learn and are protected. It was founded in the UK in 1919 and now works in approximately 120 countries. Our founder drafted the first ever Declaration on the Rights of the Child - which set out a child's right to food, healthcare, education and protection; and the international community's duty to uphold these rights. This later became the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which provides a framework for all our work. **Our vision** is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.



SAVE THE CHILDREN OFFICE IN UGANDA

Save the Children has been operating in Uganda since 1959. Today we work in 29 districts under the themes of: Education; Health & Nutrition; Child Protection & Child Rights Governance; and Youth livelihoods & Child Poverty. We work in both emergency and development contexts, with funding from different donors including the Japanese government. Last year our work benefited 1.4 million children, youth and parents across Uganda.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PROJECT IN UGANDA - PROJECT LAUNCH CEREMONY AND OUR PROGRESS



Some part of Western Uganda suffers from regular floods, landslides and other disasters. Since 2015, Save the Children has been implementing projects to promote disaster risk reduction (DRR) in Kasese district. We conducted a project in Karusandara Sub County for 3 years (February 2015 - February 2018). The current phase (February 2018 - February 2020) is being implemented, by expanding the model of DRR structures established through the previous

phase to another 2 sub counties (Maliba and Nyakyumbu) in the same district. In March, the Government of Japan and Save the Children held a launch event for the second year of the second phase, attended by the Ambassador of Japan, His Excellency Kazuaki Kameda, Save the Children's Country Director, Brechtje van Lith, the Minister of State for Relief and Disaster Preparedness, Hon. Musa Ecweru, and district local leaders. This year, we will continue to strengthen the DRR structures and implementation of their action plans through various training including information sharing, river bank management, Climate SMART Agriculture (CSA) as well as small scale constructions in the communities. The construction of the bridge (picture) in Izinga village in Maliba sub county is almost completed with support from community members, which will stop floods from affecting communities in neighbouring four villages. By engaging district leaders and government officials to mainstream risk reduction, we hope to use Kasese as a model district in Disaster Risk Reduction and replicate its successes in other disaster-prone districts of Uganda.



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