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Government of Japan and UNIDO Support Uganda to Construct an Equipment Operator Training Center in Luwero

In support of the Government of Uganda's efforts towards improving transport infrastructure, an agreement to establish a training center for construction equipment operators in Luwero was signed on 8th August 2019 at the Ministry of Works and Transport (MoWT).

The project will be financially supported by the Government of Japan and implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), with technical support from a Japanese company, Komatsu Ltd.

The Government has in the recent past procured more than 1,000 units of road construction/maintenance equipment that were distributed to district local governments across the country. There is, therefore, a need to match the investment in road machinery with an equivalent investment in human resources to operate the equipment. UNIDO has the much needed expertise in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

Within the next three years, the training center for construction equipment operators in Luwero aims to empower and train 50 MoWT construction equipment instructors; 360 MoWT and local district government construction equipment operators; and 80 young Ugandans seeking employment in the industry. The project will support the Uganda Vision 2040 and in particular focus on bridging the skills gap so that building, maintaining and improving the country's road infrastructure can be done by skilled Ugandans.

The signing ceremony was attended by Hon. Gen. Katumba Wamala, Minister of State for Works, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Education and Sports, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

H. E. Kazuaki Kameda, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda and Bruno Otto Tokwiny, UNIDO Country Representative in Uganda signed the Exchange of Notes.

The project will also involve expertise from Japan to establish a new training curriculum and capacity for road construction management and methods, in close collaboration with the project partners such as Komatsu Ltd., and the Ugandan Ministry of Education and Sports.