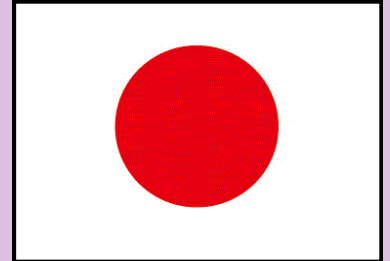




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## CHARGE D'AFFAIRES' MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2019

This month, as the Charge d'Affaires of Japan, I (Mizumoto Horii) am representing Ambassador Kameda. In August, we held Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) 7 in Yokohama. H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni led Uganda's delegation of about 70 government officials and 30 members of the private sector. I was escorting the Ugandan delegation in Yokohama and had a wonderful cooperation with them. I hope this conference will contribute to the further development in Africa. Please enjoy this month's mail magazine.



## EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

## 9月のイベント

### AUGUST 28 - 30: TICAD7 IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

TICAD7 was held during August 28th - 30th in Yokohama, Japan with more than 14,000 participants including representative from 53 African Countries (42 Head of states), representatives from 108 International and regional organizations, many NGOs, Private sector organizations, etc. From Uganda notably President Museveni and 9 ministers visited Japan including Minister of Health Dr. Acheng, Minister of Foreign Affairs. Hon. Sam Kutesa.

After 3 years since last TICAD6 in Kenya, TICAD7 focused on 3 pillars, Economy, Society, and Peace and Stability.

For Economy TICAD7 positioned business at the center to achieve over 20 billion USD private investment into Africa over next 3 years and aims to develop human capital, technology, and innovation and also ensure debt sustainability of Africa. For Society, Japan would like to contribute toward ensuring human security and achieving SDGs. In this regard Japan will promote Universal Health Coverage in Africa and also support in many fields including building disaster resilient society, support to provide quality education, etc. For Peace and stability, Japan will support building institutions and enhance governance through providing training to government officials, etc.

For the details of the Japan's commitment at TICAD7 please refer to [https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/ticad7\\_torikumi\\_en.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/ticad7_torikumi_en.pdf)

Also at the end of TICAD7 Yokohama Declaration 2019 was adopted and the Yokohama Plan of Actions 2019 was announced as part of the documents for the declaration. For detail please refer to <https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/index.html>

During TICAD7 on August 29th, President Museveni had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Abe. PM Abe appreciated President Museveni's influence on peace and stability in the region and they discussed about 2 newly signed grant aid projects and PM Abe also stated Japan would send experienced expert on agriculture with the aim of improving agricultural productivity in Uganda. President Museveni appreciated Japan's support in the development of the infrastructure and expressed his expectation towards promotion of further investments from Japan to Uganda.

President Museveni also had meeting with various prominent Japanese people including meeting with Mr. Tamai, President of Ashinaga (Japanese NGO) along with Ugandan students studying in Japan on 29th and President also met with members of Japan-AU Parliamentary League on 30th.





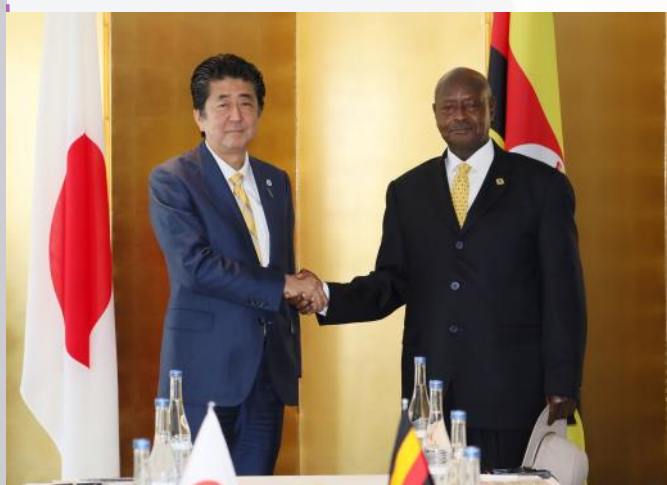
## HIGHLIGHT PICTURES OF TICAD7 AND THE THIRD HIDEYO NOGUCHI AFRICA PRIZE CEREMONY



**(1) Opening Photo Session**



**(2) Opening Session of TICAD7**



**(3) PM Abe and President Museveni on 29th**



**(4) Ugandan Government delegation with PM**



**(5) At dinner hosted by PM Abe with girl wearing Kimono designed for Uganda and President Museveni**



**(6) Dr. Francis Gervase Omaswa from Uganda, the Founder and Executive Director of ACHEST, received The Third Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize for his contribution toward improving health services in Africa.**





## SEPTEMBER 9 AND 30: JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND CABINET DG VISIT JINJA

On September 9th, Mr. Toshikazu MORITA, the member of the House of Representatives of Japan visited Jinja. Mr. Morita inspected training camp where 22 personnel of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) have been deployed to train UPDF soldiers for Heavy Engineering Equipment operations. Mr. Morita along with Mr. NAKAGOME, military attaché of Japan, was welcomed by the commandant of Uganda Rapid Deployment Capability Center (URDCC) Brig Peter Omola who expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of Japan for providing the high quality training. The delegation, then, observed the training.

On September 30th, Director-General of International Peace Cooperation Headquarters of Cabinet Office of Japan Mr. IWAI visited Jinja. The Chief of Headquarters met with Ugandan counterparts at the URDCC and had an exchange of views on the operation as well as observed training led by Japan Self-Defense Force. This consecutive visit signifies the Japan's strong will to strengthen the already cordial and multifaceted bilateral relationship between Japan and Uganda.



## SEPTEMBER 19 - 20: GGP COMMISSIONING IN TORORO AND KAPCHORWA DISTRICT

The Charge d'Affaires of Japan to Uganda, Mr. Mizumoto Horii commissioned newly constructed and fully furnished classroom blocks in St. Mary Assumpta Mella Seed Secondary School in Tororo district and a newly constructed general ward in Tumboboi Health Centre II in Kapchorwa district. These two projects were signed between the Embassy of Japan and St. Mary Assumpta Mella Seed Secondary School and Tumboboi Health Centre II respectively with a total grant amount of 129,876 USD (equivalent to over 470 million Ug. Shs).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## 今後の行事予定

### OCTOBER 6 - 11: JAPAN BUSINESS MISSION VISIT EAST AFRICA

In October, one of the most famous Japanese newspaper companies, the Nikkei, will send a business mission to find a business chance in Uganda. Their focus is to seek a business chance and partnership in the field of health and startup companies, which are presumably small sized enterprises. It is expected that Ugandan private sector will take this opportunity to establish partnership with Japanese entrepreneurs.

### OCTOBER 22 - 25: EAST REGION PRESS TOUR

Infrastructure development, such as Jinja Nile Bridge and Kampala Flyover, is one of the major targets of Japanese ODA. In addition, Japan has implemented many other projects in order to respond to various needs and mitigate poverty in rural areas. Therefore, our Embassy will conduct a press tour during 23rd to 25th October to demonstrate the diversity of Japanese assistance including water supply, Grass-roots Human Security Project, technical cooperation and Japanese volunteers.

The Embassy will invite some project officials to make presentations on Japanese assistance on 25th October at Mbale. Ministers and MPs from Eastern Region including Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja, Hon. Sam Cheptoris, and Hon. Werikhe Kafabusa Michael will be invited to the event among others.



## JICA'S NEWS ROOM

### TICAD 7 OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT



Ms. ARYANYIJUKA Noel, Co-founder and CEO of Eco Smart Uganda, participated in a TICAD7 official side event called 'Women making a difference in Africa' which was organized by JICA, Yokohama city and MOFA of Japan as one of the panelists.

In Uganda, women and girls miss education, work and other opportunities when they do not have the ability to manage their

menstruation. Eco Smart is promoting affordable sanitary pads made out of sugarcane fiber waste and trying to empower women and girls in Uganda.



### TRIPARTITE PARTNERSHIP

On August 30th, at the TICAD 7 conference in Yokohama, JICA, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and UNDP signed the Statement of Intent (SOI) and launched the tripartite partnership to enhance partnerships between Japan and Africa businesses. We expect this partnership to promote new opportunities and values to both Africans and Japanese.

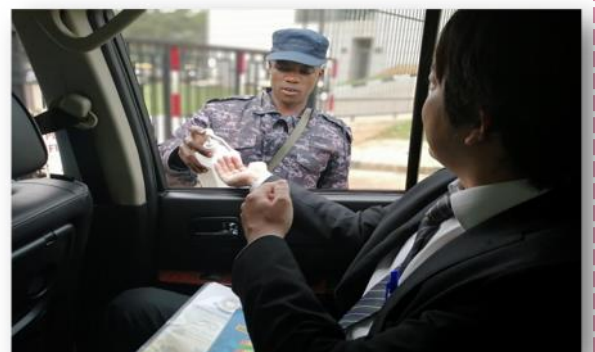


### JICA DONATES HAND SANITIZERS TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH



At many Government facilities hand sanitizers produced by SARAYA Company Ltd., a Japanese manufacturing company, are being utilized widely to prevent infectious diseases such as Ebola.

JICA donated over 5,000L of Saraya hand sanitizer to Ministry of Health and these sanitizers will be utilized at the health facilities near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).





## JICA'S NEWS ROOM

### ABE 3RD AND 4TH BATCH REPORT SESSION AND SEND-OFF OF ABE 6TH BATCH

Under the ABE (African Business Education) Initiative program, 12 participants of ABE 3rd and 4th Batch returned to the country with Masters Degrees from Japanese universities. On September 6th, 2019, JICA Uganda office held a reporting session for the ex-participants where they shared their experiences, research, internship and action plans. With the cultural differences and environment, it was not easy at the beginning for the participants but later, they learnt teamwork and punctuality during their internships in Japan. ABE Initiative gives opportunities to young eligible African men and women who can be navigators for contributing to the development of industries in Africa. They study at Japanese Universities and experience internship at Japanese enterprises. The aim is to develop skills, which help to contribute to various fields. It also helps to cultivate excellent personnel who can recognize and understand the contexts of Japanese society and system of Japanese companies.



Also, on the same day, Send-off of ABE 6th Batch was co-organized by the Embassy of Japan and JICA at the Ambassador's residence. As 6th Batch, one person was sent to Japan on September 19th to study Master's Degrees in Japan.

Ambassador Kazuaki Kameda urged the participants to utilize their experiences in Japan to strengthen partnership between Uganda and Japan.

### VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Hello. I am Masaki Yamaoka, a JICA Volunteer working in Kabalega Secondary School in Masindi District as a computer instructor. I also lead students in music club as extracurricular activity.

We composed a song with my students. One of our original tune is "Champion". At first my students requested me to create "party tune", and I tried to create a beat by using my computer software. In this process I imagined Ugandan music which I listen to in a bus from my town Masindi to Kampala. Students recorded vocal part on this "party tune" beat.

During the holiday, we got together to record in a classroom using only one laptop. We do not have a professional equipment for recording, so it was difficult to record high quality sound but, we managed to make our original tune. We also recorded music video at the student's prom party. We got to perform on a live talk show at a radio station in Masindi twice. In this live talk show, we introduced our original song "Champion" and we talked about our music club and future activities. I hope this experience will be unforgettable for my students.

①Original Song 「Champion」

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqE2OCf3tZo>



# JAPANESE NGO SCENE IN UGANDA

## MILLENNIUM PROMISE JAPAN (MPJ)

NGO PROFILE NO. 7

Millennium Promise Japan (MPJ)<sup>1</sup> started psychosocial support program for South Sudanese refugees in the Bidi Bidi Settlement in May 2018, and we are implementing this year's project since June 2019 with kind support by SARAYA and the Japanese Government.

One of our main activities is a series of workshops targeting school children who have gone through severe experience back in South Sudan. During the workshop session, children were asked to express his/her unforgettable memories through different type of art works such as painting, modeling clay, and even music, and these memories were shared with other children. This process is quite important as it will be a prevention of PTSD<sup>2</sup> or any associated mental illness, and will support them to manage their feelings and live positively.



For the children's workshop, the climax moment came at the "music session" where Dr. Kuwayama, one of the most famous experts of Psychosocial Care in Japan, joined the project and conducted workshops. There, children created a song composed of 3 parts – past, present, and future – and they sang the song with Dr. Kuwayama's guitar. For these special sessions, Ms. Rieko Suzuki, the president of SPJ, visited the project from Japan. The Japanese Ambassador to Uganda, Mr. Kameda also paid a visit to our project and joined the music workshops.



We have also provided several workshops for the parents of those targeted children as well as school teachers. During the workshops, we realized that many of the parents and teachers, who play critical roles for children's psychosocial care at home and at school, had noticed some problem in the children but didn't have knowledge on how to deal with the situation.

Although our current project will end by the end of September, MPJ will continue the psychosocial support program in Bidi Bidi Settlement with more different contents in the future.



<sup>1</sup> In Japan, MPJ has been changed its registered name into SDGs Promise Japan.  
<sup>2</sup> posttraumatic stress disorder

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