

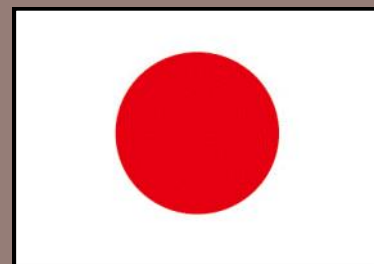
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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR KAMEDA

Dear Readers, on 12th November, which is my birthday by the way, pleasant news came in from Tokyo, where the 59th Miss International Pageant took place and contestants from 82 countries and territories participated. This year's Miss Uganda, Evelin Namatovu, got a double-win of second runner up and won the Miss International Special Award of Best in Swimsuit. Congratulations! She has been appointed by Japan Tourism Agency as the Visit Japan Tourism Ambassador in Uganda and made courtesy visit together with other top five winners to Foreign Minister of Japan. She is expected to disseminate Japan's beauty and charms. Once again Congratulations!

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

NOV. 6: GGP COMMISSIONING IN KIKUUBE DISTRICT



Ambassador Kameda commissioned GGP project for the Construction of a Science Laboratory Block at Kyangwali Secondary School in Kikuube District with a grant amount of approximately USD 80,000 equivalent of over 270 million UGX. The grant was used for the construction of a three room science laboratory block, solar PV system, and procurement of furniture to ensure that effective practical lessons are carried out for students in the school.

NOV. 15: CLOSURE OF JSDF TRAINING MISSION IN JINJA

On 15th November, Training of UPDF soldiers for heavy Engineering Equipment operations was officially completed. Mr. Todo, the leader of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force officers, who had trained UPDF soldiers for three months at Uganda Rapid Deployment Capability Centre (URDCC) in Jinja, congratulated the successful completion of the training. At the closing ceremony, Brigadier General Peter Omola, Commandant of URDCC, praised his soldiers for their big achievement and thanked Japanese colleagues for their contribution. From United Nations, Mr. Paulin Djomo Metanhi, Chief of UN Regional Service Center in Entebbe (RSCE), emphasized that this program is quite successful and fruitful for member countries of Triangular Partnership Project being UN, Japan and Uganda. In turn, Ambassador of Japan Mr. Kameda concluded the ceremony with notice that majority of Japanese Officers have never experienced such a long time mission abroad and, therefore, this achievement gave them self-confidence, which will be helpful to carry out Japan's peace keeping operation in future.



NOV. 22: LAUNCHING EVENT OF ASAHI EITO AND TSUBASA ENTERPRISE

Japanese companies, Asahi Eito and Tsubasa Enterprise inaugurated their business in Uganda. Asahi Eito provides quality toilet products which are eco-friendly, water and energy saving. The company has a long history in Japan of more than three hundred years, initially started business with a roofing tile manufacturing, and is now actively expanding its business to Asia, Middle East and Africa. The event was attended by Hon. Namuganza Persis Princess, Minister of States for Lands, Ambassador Kameda, Mr. Machimoto Koji, President of Asahi Eito and Mr. Shimojo Masahito, President of Tsubasa Enterprise among others.

NOV. 25: FOLLOW-UP MISSION FROM JAPAN (QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE)

The delegation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan came to Kampala once again to follow up on the Japan-Uganda Public-Private Infrastructure Conference. They had a series of discussions with their counterpart Ministry such as Ministry of Works and Transport (MOWT) and UNRA, followed by site visits to Japanese supported projects. This visit and meeting will encourage more participation of Japanese companies with high quality infrastructure technologies to Uganda.

NOV. 27: COMMISSIONING CEREMONY OF THE GRANT AID PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GULU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ROADS IN NORTHERN UGANDA

On 27th November 2019, the Government of Japan handed over 6.4 kilometer road to the people of Gulu in Northern Uganda during the commissioning ceremony of the Grant Aid Project for Improvement of Gulu Municipal Council Roads in the region.

The grant aid project totaling to 2 billion JPY, approximately USD 20m aims to uplift the regional economy, as Gulu is located in the center of the great north axis, which connects Uganda and South Sudan.

The ceremony was presided over by the Minister of State for Works and

Transport Hon. Katumba Edward Wamala as the Chief Guest. Deputy Head of Mission for the Japanese Embassy in Uganda Mr. Horii Mizimoto, the chief representative of JICA in Uganda Mr. Fukase Yutaka, Representatives from JICA, the contractor, dignitaries from MOWT, Gulu District RDC, the Town Clerk, Mayor, LC5 Chairperson and Gulu citizens also attended the ceremony. JICA's Chief Representative in his remarks applauded all stakeholders for their tireless efforts and contribution and urged everyone to responsibly utilize the road asset in order to achieve maximum economic benefits for Uganda.



COMING UP IN DECEMBER



DEC 7: 5TH UGANDA JAPAN FESTIVAL IN MUYENGA

The 5th Uganda-Japan Festival will be hosted by the Committee of the Uganda-Japan Festival and the Embassy of Japan on 7th Dec. 12:00—17:00 at Yamasen Garden Tank Hill Road, Muyenga. It will be great opportunity for you to enjoy fun activities, such as Karate, Judo, Co-splay, Ikebana, Origami, Calligraphy, Japanese food/drinks and there will be activities for children as well. Please come and join us! (For Details please refer to Poster attached separately)



ASHINAGA STUDENTS VISIT JICA UGANDA OFFICE PROJECTS



On 18th November students from Ashinaga, a Japanese foundation, participated in a site tour of JICA projects; Queen's way substation and TVET-LEAD at Nakawa Vocational Technical Institute (NVTI) to equip themselves with knowledge of development works in Uganda and gain inspiration to join the fields.

The team comprising of 22 students and Interns from different countries; Uganda, Angola, and South Sudan, among others, were briefed on JICA's operations and Ms. Robinah Ajok, an ex-ABE initiative student supported by

JICA took them through her career path to inspire them to aim for better opportunities.

Ashinaga has its headquarters in Tokyo and offices in Uganda and Senegal. The foundation provides financial support and emotional care to young people around the world who have lost either one or both parents and is currently supporting 22 students from 21 countries through the Uganda office.

DETAILED PLANNING SURVEY FOR THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN ATARI BASIN AREA

Since September 2019, JICA has facilitated a Detailed Planning Survey for the planned Technical Cooperation Project on Sustainable Utilization, Operation and Management of Irrigation Systems in Atari Basin Area. The Project is expected to complement the Project on the Establishment of Irrigation Systems in Atari Basin Area.

From 11th – 22nd November 2019, JICA fielded a mission to conduct the detailed planning survey of the technical cooperation project and came up with a draft framework of the project. The survey was jointly conducted with the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and covered the target districts of Kween and Bulambuli. The mission activity will continue from 9th – 12th December 2019 during which the draft framework of the project will be concretized and agreed upon with the signing of minutes of meeting by JICA and MAAIF.

FAREWELL - JOCV COORDINATOR

Thank you for your continued support over the last 3 years. As of the 29th of November, I am going back to Japan, so there will be a new Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Sembokuya Miki. It has been a pleasure working with people in Uganda and I wish you all well for the future.

Higashihara Atsushi (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer Coordinator)



JICA'S NEWSROOM

EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR BORDER CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT



With 3.3 million USD in financial support from the Government of Japan, UNOPS (United Nations Office for Project Services, implementer of the Project) will deliver and install border control and surveillance equipment in five East Africa Community (EAC) countries, including Uganda, in order to enhance trade facilitation and border control capacity. Exchange of Note and Grant Agreement of this grant aid project was signed on 1st November and 6th November respectively.

Since 2007, JICA has been implementing a series of projects with the Revenue Authorities of EAC countries with focus on enhancing the capacity of customs agencies and relevant border control agencies in the regions to achieve efficient and smooth border operations. To further promote regional economic development and fight against the insecurities such as the increasing global threats of terrorism, the five EAC countries requested to the Government of Japan a grant of equipment for trade facilitation and improved border control. Through this project, which will be implemented over 18 months, JICA and UNOPS will improve regional capacities for trade and supply chain security, in a bid to boost economic development in East Africa. This project also contributes to building stable and reliable institutions and strengthening governance, which is inline with what the government of Japan announced to support at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7), which was held in August 2019.



TWO UGANDANS SCOOP JICA PRESIDENT AWARD 2019

Two Ugandans who recently won the JICA President Award 2019, for their tremendous contribution to human resource and social development, were presented with their awards during a ceremony organized by JICA Uganda. The winners; Dr. Godfrey Asea, the Director National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCCRI) and Mr. Muwanga Godfrey Fred, the principal of Nakawa Vocational Training Institute (NVTI), counterparts of the Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) and TVET-LEAD projects, respectively, were among the 58 recipients, around the world, of the JICA President Award 2019.

Also, JICA's Senior Representative, Mr. Uchiyama Takayuki, in his speech, praised Dr. Asea for making a substantial contribution to the development of the rice sub-sector in Uganda and Africa as a whole. "Dr. Asea's contribution has seen rice recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) as a priority commodity for food and income security".



UPCOMING EVENTS

The International Volunteer Day (IVD) will be celebrated on 5th December, 2019 at Kampala International University.



Plan International Uganda/Japan



Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls, operating in over 75 countries in the world. Plan International Uganda/Japan (PIU/J) started working in the country in 1992 to respond to the needs of children affected by a guerilla war in Luwero district. Since then, Plan International has expanded its works and currently has 7 operational areas, including its head office in Kampala.



Lira, Tororo, Kamuli and Nebbi field offices support the community development and enhancing the rights of children through the scheme called Sponsorship Programme. About 1,000 children are supported by Japanese individual sponsors through this programme to improve their education, health, protection and economic conditions. Normally the programme lasts 15-20 years.

In West Nile region, PIU/J has received funding from Japanese donors to support South Sudanese refugees and the neighbouring hosting communities in Arua, Adjumani and Yumbe districts since 2014. Our interventions on ground primarily focus on supporting children and young people, and take the mode of multi sectoral approach under education, child protection, water sanitation and hygiene, health and nutrition sectors. PIU/J directly supported over 15,000 South Sudanese and host community children, and their families by the Japanese donor-funded projects.



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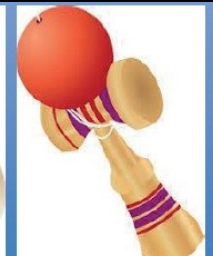
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