

Commendations by the Ambassador of Japan to Uganda

On February 18, 2026, a reception celebrating the Emperor's Birthday was held at the Ambassador's Residence, where Ambassador Sasayama awarded the Ambassador's Commendation to four organizations that have made significant contributions to mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the Republic of Uganda.



The awardees are as follows.

- **Uganda Judo Association**

For many years, through activities such as introducing judo as a sport in Uganda, organizing various competitions, and training visually impaired athletes, the association has contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Uganda and disseminating Japanese culture.



- **Uganda Karate Federation**

For many years, with a mission to foster leadership among Ugandan youth, through

various activities including organizing competitions and introducing karate to young people, the federation has contributed to promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and Uganda and disseminating Japanese culture.



- **RICCI Everyday**

Through a brand that develops apparel using African prints and African materials, the organization has devoted itself to supporting the independence of women suffering from poverty and refugee women in Uganda. They have made significant contributions to promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and Uganda.



- **Cots Cots Limited**

At the Good Design Gold Award-winning commercial facility "Tank Hill Park" in Uganda's capital Kampala, through operating the restaurant "YAMASEN" by a Japanese chef and the "Farm to Table" shop connecting urban and rural areas, the company has made significant contributions to friendship between Japan and Uganda and the dissemination of Japanese culture.

