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To whom it may concern,

## **Japan Pavilion At Transform Africa 2019**

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Rwanda will host the fifth edition of Transform Africa Summit TAS2019 organised by Smart Africa Alliance, the Government of Rwanda and other partners. The event is a high-level platform for discussing the disruptive but also the enabling and strategic role of ICT for the rapid transformation of Africa.

Under the theme “**Boosting Africa’s Digital Economy**”, over 4,000 participants, including Heads of States, Senior Government Officials, Representatives from Public and Private Sector, International Organizations, Civil Society and Academia, will attend the event.

This year the Japan Pavilion, co-organised by the Government of Japan, Japanese public and private sectors, again highlights Japanese participation at TAS2019. The pavilion is premium exhibition and Innovation space that acts as a gateway to Japan at the summit where a number of private companies will display their technologies for digital solutions. Among those, there are Toyota Motor Co.; the world famous mobility company piloting for drone solutions in Rwanda, Future Corporation; a large ICT company who provides AI solutions, Otowa Electric Co, Ltd; a company that specializes in lighting protection solutions, and others.

During the event, the Vice-Minister of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and JICA’s Vice President will be speaking at the “Policy Harmonization as a tool for bridging the digital gap in Africa” on 15<sup>th</sup> from 14:00 – 15:30 at Auditorium and “Unlocking the potential of digital healthcare in Africa” on the 15<sup>th</sup> from 16:00 – 17:30 at AD12 respectively.

Prior to that Japan will also have partner session co-sponsored by the Governments of Japan and India under the theme “ICT skills in Africa” and which will be a panel discussion aimed at exchanging opinions about requirements for the capacity building program in ICT field in Africa.

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