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To whom it may concern,

A Project Closing Ceremony of the ICT Human Resource Development Project

On Thursday 11 July, Kobe city, and Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC), in collaboration with Rwanda ICT Chamber, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), have organized a closing ceremony of the ICT Human Resource Development Project at ONOMO Hotel, Kigali. The 2-year project aimed to open up more opportunities for Rwandan youth who had already studied basic skills in ICT to access advanced and quality training. Under the project, training contents on IoT, business-oriented problem solving called “Tankyu Practice in English,” and leadership courses were provided to 45 youth in the country.

The project, launched in September 2017, aims to provide training opportunities to selected Rwandan ICT professionals. The participants in the last training batch have recently completed their course, which commenced in January 2019. Trainees will be presenting their solutions for specific social issues in Rwanda including products that they have developed through the training course. Graduates from the previous batches will also be present.

KIC has received a notable number of Rwandan students at its Master’s course with a scholarship provided by Japanese Government through the Africa Business Education Initiative for youth (also known as the ABE Initiative). Majority of the trainers who has been working under the project are the graduates of KIC’s Master’s course. They have come back to Rwanda after their study in Kobe City, Japan and are now tremendously contributing to the human resource development of their home country.

In 2016, Kobe City and Kigali City signed a Partnership Agreement to further economic exchange between the two cities. Based on this historic partnership, KIC signed an MoU with the Rwanda Ministry of ICT earlier this year for creating a conducive relationship in the development of human resources and industries

This ceremony is an early milestone of the cooperative relationship between Kobe City, and Kigali City. It will surely grow stronger in the future with the continued contribution by the Ministry of ICT and Innovation, Rwanda ICT Chamber, JICA, KIC and KIC graduates.

Tentative Schedule to invite media

TIME	ACTIVITY
14:15 - 14:45 PM	Registration
14:45 - 14:50 PM	Welcome remark & introduction of the Project
14:50 - 16:20 PM	Presentations + Q&As (6 groups)
16:20 - 16:23 PM	Comments on the presentations
16:23 - 16:30 PM	Speech by KIC, ICT Chamber
16:30 - 16:40 PM	Certificate Handover
16:40 - 16:50 PM	Speech by MINICT & Japanese Ambassador
16:50 - 16:55 PM	Photo taking
16:55 - 17:00 PM	Closing Remark
17:00 - 18:30 PM	Networking Cocktail

About JICA

JICA was established in 1974 and is the development arm of the Japanese Government, working in over 150 countries.

In Rwanda, JICA focuses on capacity development of Rwandan public & private sector, through technical and financial cooperation. Four sectors (Science & Technology Education, Infrastructure, Agriculture and Water & sanitation) are covered.

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