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JICA Hands Over Border Control Equipment to Enhance RRA Border Control Capacity and Trade

On 16th April 2021 at Rwanda Revenue Authority Headquarters (RRA) Kimihurura in the City of Kigali, with the presence of Ambassador of Japan to Rwanda, H.E. Mr. IMAI Masahiro, The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will hand-over Border Control Equipment, such as patrolling boat, X-ray baggage scanner etc. and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and IT Equipment worth about USD760,000.

The provision of equipment is in line with JICA’s cooperation for regional trade facilitation in the East African region, which includes Technical Cooperation for capacity enhancement of Revenue Authorities since the year 2007, Grant Aid for Rusumo International Bridge and One Stop Border Post (OSBPs) construction in 2016, and ODA Loan for Rusumo-Kayonza Road rehabilitation among others.

After launching of African Continental Trade Area (AfCFTA) in January 2021, importance of intra-continental trade is highlighted for regional and continental economic and social development. Concurrently, proper border management shall also be considered for controlling cross-border criminals such as smuggling and contain measures against COVID-19.

In this regards, equipment to be handed-over and on-going JICA’s Technical Cooperation Project on Capacity Development for Trade Facilitation and Border Control in East Africa (Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) (*1) are expected to contribute for national security and safety of border officers as well as regional trade promotion.

The details of equipment are as per the table:

Equipment for Border Control			
Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
X-ray baggage scanner	1	Patrolling vehicle	2
Patrolling boat	1	Drug detection kit	10
Portable Raman spectrometer	2		
Equipment for Safety of Border Officers: COVID19 PPE Equipment			
Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Hand sanitizers	130	Face shields	65
Reusable hand gloves	65	Disposable facemasks	3900
Liquid soap	130		
Equipment for Safety Border Officers: IT equipment (*2)			
Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Laptop PC	4	Projector	1
Windows Software	4		



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(*1)The overall goal of the Project on Capacity Development for Trade Facilitation and Border Control in East Africa is to achieve regional economic development through trade facilitation and ensure that safety and security is further promoted in the region. The project aims to achieve efficient border procedures by improving the capacity of border control at targeted borders in the region.

(*2)To improve efficiency of border procedures and capacity of border control and to sustain its knowledge and skills transfer, master trainers' program (MTP) is introduced as a part of the aforementioned project with the support extended by the experts from the World Customs Organization (WCO). IT equipment will be utilized for remote training of master trainers.

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