



Press Release



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The Japanese Ambassador Hands Over Books To The University of Rwanda

On Thursday, October 8, 2020 (from 10:00am) at University of Rwanda (UR), in Gikondo, Kigali, on behalf of the Nippon Foundation “Read Japan Project”, the Embassy of Japan in Rwanda headed by His Excellency Ambassador Mr. IMAI Masahiro will donate books to University of Rwanda. The goal of the “Read Japan Project” is to introduce Japan to opinion leaders and intellectuals from across the world.

The idea of this book donation came from the meeting H.E. Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda held with JICA President Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi in January 2019 in Tokyo during President Kagame’s official visit to Japan. They further deepened the idea in August 2019 in Yokohama in a bilateral meeting held on the sideline of the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7).

The book donation by the Nippon Foundation aligns with ongoing discussion between the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and UR to launch the JICA Chair in Rwanda. JICA Chair (also known as JICA Program for Japanese Studies) refers to lecture series and other activities aimed at sharing Japan’s development experiences with partner countries. Activities in the pipeline include guest lectures by Japanese professors.

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