

JICA UGANDA

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UGANDA AND JAPAN ICT BUSINESS STUDY TOUR IN UGANDA

JICA Uganda in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and National Guidance (MoICT & NG) held a week-long (29 January to 4 February, 2023) Business Study tour for a delegation of renowned Japanese ICT companies, with the purpose of understanding the ICT ecosystem, attracting investment, and finding potential companies for collaboration, among other objectives.

The ICT tour was born out of the signing of record of discussion (RD) for the "ICT Industry Promotion project" by MoICT & NG and JICA, in November 2022 that is meant to strengthen private-sector collaboration in ICT offshore development projects and build capacity of Ugandan engineers.

(R) Japanese companies: Japan AI Consulting, T-ICU Co. Ltd, Fellow System Co. Ltd, Dive into Code Corporation, Freude Gizmo and Fvital Inc. visited and heard from tech startups to get a glimpse of their works.



JICA Uganda participates in Uganda and Kenya Innovation Weeks 2022

JICA Uganda collaborated with Uganda Innovation Week on 22 and 24 November 2022 where we demonstrated the impacts and lessons learnt from the NINJA project, a startup support initiative. The Chief Representative promised JICA's commitment to the develop startup ecosystem in Uganda together with all stakeholders.



KIW2022



Panel discussions: UIW2022

In the Kenya Innovation Week(KIW), JICA held a hybrid masterclass during which the JICA Kenya Chief Representative Mr. Hajime Iwama intimated that JICA is committed to enhancing the startup ecosystem in Kenya and the entire EAC, together with other JICA offices including Uganda.

Mr. Koichiro Yamamoto, Representative of JICA Uganda and Mr. Franc Kamugyisha, CEO of Ecoplastile addressed the impacts and implications of NINJA Project in Uganda, and emphasized the importance of regional interactions especially within the EACs to make startup ecosystem investment-ready, during the panel discussion.

SLUM CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT KASANVU COMMUNITY

Together with Soltilo Bright Stars (SBS) FC, Ecoplastile, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) and ACTogether Uganda, and community members of Kasanvu in Namuwongo informal settlement, we held another cleaning exercise to raise awareness of good sanitation among the locals.

Among the objectives was sensitizing the communities on how to convert plastic waste to reward points for money for basic needs or for insurance.



JICA & SBS HOLD SECOND FOOTBALL CLASS TO EMPOWER GIRLS IN PAGIRINYA

JICA Uganda and Soltilo Bright Stars (SBS) held another football class for girl teams in Pagirinya Refugee Settlement in Adjumani district on 21 January 2023, to select U16 team players.

The first class was held in May 2022 ahead of the TICAD CUP 2022. These classes aim at motivating players (both refugees and host community) and fostering peaceful co-existence and empowering girls in the settlement.

During the classes, Emmanuel Loki, an SBS Player and a former refugee shared his skills and experience in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya and encouraged the players to chase their dreams.

At the end, the selected U16 players received sets of uniforms, footballs, keeper gloves and socks donated by Albirex Niigata Ladies, a WE league team in Japan.





Twenty-one participants from nine countries successfully completed the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) regional training on 25 November 2022, at NaCCRI in Uganda.

The regional training on “Rice Cultivation in Sub-Saharan Africa” intended for Agricultural extension officers and researchers from Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Zambia, Sudan, and Mozambique, was organized by JICA Uganda/ PRiDe II project II Promotion of Rice Development & National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCCRI) in partnership with CARD.

The training was conducted through lectures, hands-on sessions and field visits to rice farmers in districts of Bugiri and Butaleja. Participants deepened and broadened their knowledge of rice extension approaches by visiting the PRiDe demonstration sites, the Musomesa Field School (MFS) farmer fields, and interacting with Ugandan extension officers as well as farmers.

PRiDe Project II graduates 18 Trainers (Musomesa)

The Promotion of Rice Development (PRiDe) Project, Phase II Project held the final training and graduation session of 18 Trainers (MUSOMESA) at Rwamanja Refugee settlement.

The certified MUSOMESA involved members of the host community and refugees from DRC, Burundi and Rwanda.

The project seeks to build capacity for rice cultivation across the country through the Musomesa Field School (MFS), a farmer-farmer extension approach, as part of JICA's technical cooperation.



UWEC awards JICA



In December 2022, Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC) Entebbe Zoo awarded JICA Uganda during its 70th anniversary gala, for contributing towards Wildlife Conservation Education in Uganda over the years.

The TIVOU celebrate IVD 2022 in style

The national and International Volunteer Organisations in Uganda (TIVOU) celebrated the International Volunteer Day (5 December, 2022) under the theme 'Together, Act Now', by donating laundry, food and medical items to Home of Hope, a place for children with disabilities, in Jinja.

TIVOU comprises of JICA Uganda, KOICA, UN Volunteers, Restless Development, Building Tomorrow, Peace Corps, VSO, Uganda Redcross Society, among others.

JICA Senior Representative, Mr. Fukuhara Ichiro, on behalf of TIVOU, appreciated Home of Hope and its manager Ms. Edith Lukabwe aka Mama Edith and their efforts in caring for children with disabilities.



ABE Initiative Networking Event

ABE Initiative ex-participants from Uganda, in February, gathered for the Alumni and Networking occasion graced by H.E. Tophace Byagira KAAHWA, Ambassador of Uganda to Japan, and H.E. Hidemoto FUKUZAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Uganda.

In attendance were Japanese companies in Uganda, participants of the ICT business tour, Ugandan start-ups and government officials. The ABE Initiative ex-participants' will act as navigators to strengthen the business relationships between the two countries.



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