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our highlight for this quarter >>>

*Signing of Grant Agreement with Zimbabwe:
Promoting regional integration along the North-
South Corridor through road improvements*

On October 6 2022, the JICA Zim Resident Representative, Mr. Kyosuke Kawazumi and Hon. Prof. Mthuli Ncube, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development signed a Grant Agreement of approximately USD700, 000 for the Project for the Road Improvement of the Northern part of the North-South Corridor (Phase 2) (Detailed Design). Phase 1 of the project, commissioned in May 2021, improved a 6.5km section between Marongora and Hell's Gate and Phase 2 will improve a further 7.8km section between Makuti and Marongora. The project will be implemented by JICA engineers in collaboration with engineers from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development. The detailed design component is expected to be completed in late 2023, with construction expected to commence in 2024. As with Phase 1, Phase 2 aims to reduce traffic accidents, relieve traffic congestion and shorten travel time along the road section. The works will involve widening of curves, improvement of the vertical and horizontal alignment, construction of hill-climbing lanes and construction of drainage and safety facilities.



Tinotenda! Thank you! Arigato-gozaïmasu!

Note from the Resident Representative

Dear Reader,

As we come to the end of the year 2022, I would like to thank all the readers for taking time to read the different publications of our Newsletter this year. On behalf of my team at JICA Zimbabwe Office, I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our counterparts for their outstanding support this year, for it is through this support that we can finish off the year by saying 2022 was indeed a great year, and we look forward to a fruitful 2023.

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leading the
world with trust

Going forward, I am sure that we can take a thing or two from the recently ended World Cup and that is, in order to succeed - you show up, work hard, believe you can make it, give it your all and persevere until the final whistle blows. May the coming year be your most successful year!

Regards,

Kyosuke KAWAZUMI

Training in Japan

JICA continues to develop capacities of human resources through the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP).

This quarter, a lot of people managed to get practical training in Japan through KCCP.

October 13-27, Ms. Sifiso Siamenda, Mr. Tapiwa Vhori, Ms. Rutendo Takombwa, Mr. Tendai Nyakudzuka and Mr. Tachiona Chamboko, from the Department of Roads attended the Road Maintenance training in Japan.



October 5 to November 16, Sharrydon Chinosenwa attended the Capacity Building for Sustainable Mining and Effective Utilisation of Mineral Resources course in Japan.



November 30 to December 16, 10 health officials Ms. Jesca Mafiosi, Mr. Talent Mapweza, Mr. Paulos Chifamba, Dr. Paul Matsvimbo, Dr. Rudo Chikodzore, Mr. Richard Sithole, Dr. Hopewell Mungani, Dr. Godfrey Mudzviti, Dr. Jaensch Mutede and Ms. Mercy Dube underwent training for Quality Improvement of Health Services in Japan.



October 30 to December 17, Ms. Memory Taderera, Mr. Emmanuel Mwanza and Mr. Benson from the Department of Irrigation attended the Participatory Irrigation Management training in Japan.

Mr. Lloyd Mabhiginye attended the Criminal Justice Response to Corruption course in Japan from October 29 to November 30.



JICA's ZIM-SHEP project is transforming lives at Chitora Irrigation Scheme!



Members of the media toured one of JICA's ZIM-SHEP project sites in Mashonaland East Province, Chitora Irrigation Scheme. The beneficiaries of this project sang praises to how the project has transformed their lives through practicing farming as a business. Their mindsets have been changed from "Grow and sell to Grow to sell", they are now able to source for markets before planting crops which has led to numerous benefits including realizing increased income, building decent homes, sending children to school, buying cars, feeding their families, reinvesting in farming and creating employment.

Here is a link to one of the articles from one of the national papers on the transformational impact this project has had:

🔗 <https://www.herald.co.zw/mutokos-chitora-irrigation.../amp/>

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Thank you for taking time to read JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter.
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JOCV section explores areas of cooperation...

This quarter the JOCV section left no stone unturned as they explored for more opportunities to expand the JOCV program in Zimbabwe. They met with Ministry of Environment, Climate, Hospitality and Tourism Industry (MECHTI), the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises (MWCSME) and the Chinhoyi University of Technology (CUT), to discuss the possible facilitation of the deployment of JOCVs to these institutions. The fruition of such engagements would translate to creating a platform for skills transfer that will benefit the country.

JICA receives a Volunteer

In December, JICA Zim received a new Volunteer, Ms. Miyu Suzuki who will be working as an ICT specialist and instructor at Madziwa Teachers College in Shamva from January 2023 to November 2024.



In commemoration of the 2022 International Volunteer Day on 5 December themed "Solidarity through Volunteering", JICA Zimbabwe staff held a clean-up campaign in the environs of their office in Avondale. The staff took time to practice volunteerism and to give back to the community that JICA operates in by creating a cleaner environment.

Tengenenge Exhibits at Sanganai / Hlanganani Tourism Expo



One of the beneficiaries of the Community Based Tourism (CBT) project's pilot sites, Tengenenge Arts and Culture Centre put a splendid display at the 2022 Sanganai / Hlanganani Travel and Tourism Expo. The JICA sponsored CBT project has imparted marketing skills to four targeted sites which include Tengenenge, Gairezi, Chesvingo and Bulawayo. To underline the positive impact of the project, Tengenenge managed to showcase a variety of stone sculptures made by locals to an international audience, which will go a long way in reaching out to lucrative foreign markets.