For more details on the ABE Initiative, please visit The ABE Initiative on JICA website

For more details on Africa, please visit
Africa Plaza on JICA website

For details on JICA office locations, please visit
Domestic and Overseas Offices on JICA website
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/about/organization/index.html

If you are interested in accepting an ABE Initiative participant as an intern, please visit
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http://education-japan.org/africa/index.html

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What is The ABE Initiative?

The ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth) is a program that offers opportunities for African youths to study at master’s courses at Japanese universities as international students and to experience internships at Japanese companies.

It aims to foster young personnel who can contribute to the development of industries in Africa as well as to be a “navigator” for Japanese firms’ operations in Africa.

At the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V), held in 2013, the government of Japan launched the “ABE Initiative”, based on the conviction that it is important to promote (A) education of human resources through vocational training and higher education that directly lead them to career opportunities, and (B) human exchanges and higher education that directly lead them to career opportunities.

What is The ABE Initiative?

Objectives of the ABE Initiative are:

1. To foster human resources for industry and business that would be the key to growth of Africa
2. To foster “navigators” for Japanese companies’ business activities in Africa and to build their network
3. To foster personnel with a deep understanding of Japanese society and corporate culture, equipped with uniquely Japanese, all acquired through this long-term program

Our approach:

1. To provide opportunities to obtain a Master’s degree and experience internships at company, as part of a joint program of the Japanese government and business community
2. To foster personnel with a deep understanding of Japanese practical and corporate culture, equipped with business skills that are uniquely Japanese, all acquired through this long-term program

Program Overview

- **Application**
  - Approx. 3 months

- **Selection process**
  - Document screening
  - Interview
  - approx. 6 months

- **Master’s Degree Program**
  - Engineering, Economics and Business Administration, Agricultural Science, Mathematics and Physics Sciences, Commerce, Tourism etc.
  - 1 yr - 2.5 yrs

- **Business Program**
  - All participants
  - Collaboration & Business development

- **Summer Internship**
  - 2 weeks - 6 months
  - After returning home

- **Post-Graduation Internship**
  - Departure for home country

- **Follow-up**
  - Reporting session in home country
  - Networking Fair in Africa
  - Monitoring etc.

- **Departure for home country**

Expected benefits include:

- Meeting the participants and get acquainted, the promising “navigators” for future entry to Africa
- Their knowledge on local situation in Africa that can help identify local business opportunities
- Profiles of participants and invitation to various business seminars, networking fair and other events

Number of Participants

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Location of Graduate School in which Participants are Enrolled (by region)

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Number of Registered Companies to Receive Interns (total)

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Participants’ Major Field of Study at Graduate School

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Industry Sector of Registered Receiving Company

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Participants’ Career After Return to Home Country

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<td>Moved to new Job</td>
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As of June 2019 / Value rounded off decimals
### Developing Automobile Interior Products Using New Materials

**Ms. Marieme Josephine Lette**  
**Republic of Senegal**

**Studied at**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation  
(Mechanical Engineering (Water’s Program), Bachelor’s degree in physics)

**Current workplace**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation

**Internship at**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation

**Organization of choice of application**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation

**Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University**

**About training in Japan**

**Desire to Learn Japan’s Manufacturing Expertise**

I studied physics at a university in Cameroon. Therefore, I wanted to learn Japan’s manufacturing expertise to contribute to the development of my country. The ABE Initiative seemed attractive as it provided opportunities to network with Japanese companies.

**About training in Japan**

**Student Life in Japan Doing Research on Technologies and How to Commercialize Them**

I studied business administration at a graduate school, which provided a good environment for studying such as lectures in English and the use of an online library. During my internship, I learned Japanese business culture, entails the concepts of business value chain and attention to detail.

**After completing the training**

**Continuing with Self-improvement in Japan in Pursuit of Sustainable Society?**

Since returning home, I have been able to work at Lami Corporation Inc. and the company in 2018 and currently work in a research center in Aichi, developing automobile interior products. In the research center, I test prototypes and have meetings with bio-related companies in Japan as well as those overseas. Through this experience, I have gained opportunities to exchange opinions with various companies and this has helped me greatly in my work. I have also learned not only Japanese technology, but also business development and management skills. I hope to make use of these skills in contributing to the environmentally friendly development in Senegal and Africa in the future.

### Launching Own Business for Backing up Japanese Companies’ Business Expansion in Africa

**Mr. Katabaruka Olivier Kabi**  
**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

**Studied at**  
Graduate School of Management, Nihon University  
(Graduate School of Management, Bachelor’s degree in business)

**Current workplace**  
Lampyris SARL (started own business)

**Internship at**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation

**Organization of choice of application**  
Toyota Boshoku Corporation

**Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University**

**About training in Japan**

**Decided to Study in Japan to Expand Career**

I was working as a manager for purification and processing in a Canadian gold mining company. I made my decision to study in Japan to improve my management skills and advance my career. I was also curious about Japan being a ‘country of high quality’.

**About training in Japan**

**Aimed at Learning About Development Cooperation in Japan**

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**Before arriving in Japan**

**Working Experience of Both Japanese ODA and Kenyan Government Agency**

After graduating from a university in Kenya, I worked with Nippon Koei Kenya Office which provides engineering consulting services. Among others, I was assigned to work on JICA-related projects for three years and afterwards I worked in the National Hospital Insurance Fund of Kenya for five and a half years.

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### Aiming to Utilize Japanese Technology and Products for the Stable Supply of Safe Water

**Mr. Haji Mussa Ramadhan**  
**United Republic of Tanzania**

**Studied at**  
Graduate School of Regional Development, Toyo University  
(Graduate School of Regional Development, Bachelor’s degree in regional development)

**Current workplace**  
Zanzibar Water Authority

**Internship at**  
Zanzibar Water Authority

**Organization of choice of application**  
Zanzibar Water Authority

**Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University**

**About training in Japan**

**For the Development of Africa**

I worked as a commercial and customer service director of Zanzibar Water Authority in Tanzania and dealt with various customer requests. I participated in the ABE Initiative because I wanted to contribute to the development of Africa.

**About training in Japan**

**Learning Japanese Technology on How to Utilize Water Resources**

At Toyo University, I studied economic and social development through Japanese technology on how to utilize water resources. I did my internship at a company which provides consulting in the field of water and sewage. During my internship, I was able to have hands-on experience in Japanese organizational culture, work environment, decision making process, time management and quality control.

**After returning home**

**A Sustainable Water Supply Network**

After completing the program in Japan, I went back to work in Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA) as CEO. ZAWA provides water in urban and rural areas as well as protection and management of water resources. It is a highly responsible job and I am proud to devote myself to my own country. Participating in the ABE initiative gave me the ambition to ‘develop Zanzibar into an urban city like Tokyo’. I want to establish a good relationship with Japan and Japanese companies so that I can introduce Japan’s cutting-edge technology and products to the government of my country.

### Engaged in a New Business Development of a Japanese Start-up Company

**Ms. Olum Michelle Adhiambo**  
**Republic of Kenya**

**Studied at**  
Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University  
(Graduate School of Management, Bachelor’s degree in management)

**Current workplace**  
National Hospital Insurance Fund (Beverage agency of Kenya)

**Organization of choice of application**  
Zanzibar Water Authority

**Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University**

**About training in Japan**

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**Before arriving in Japan**

**Searching for a New Career**

After returning to Kenya, I was requested by Japanese start-up company AfricaScan which provides preventive healthcare services in Kenya, to conduct research on the nutrition condition of middle-income groups. Currently, I am preparing myself for a new career in marketing and research.
Before arriving in Japan

Looking for Cultural Diversity and Expanding My Horizon

I studied geography at a university in Egypt and after graduation, I became a teaching assistant. I decided to join the ABE Initiative to broaden my horizons and experience multiculturalism.

About training in Japan

Improving Expertise and Experiencing the International Arena

At graduate school, I belonged to a lab specializing in the latest spatial information science and flow line analysis using big data. During that time, I wrote five research papers relating to the topic, presented research papers at international conferences and participated in various international forums. During my internship, I participated in research on promotion of remote sensing technology using it in Africa. Overall, I had a very fulfilling learning experience during my studies in Japan.

After returning home

Connecting Japan and Africa with IT

Currently, I work on business development using big data as a data scientist at the headquarters of Rakuten in Tokyo. In this company, I am able to make effective use of my expertise in IT, experiences at international forums as well as several internships which I experienced during the ABE Initiative. I believe that although there are many Japanese companies interested in expanding their business to the Middle East or Africa, lack of information or personnel makes it difficult for them to do so. In the future, I hope to utilize my expertise to connect businesses in Japan and Africa with IT.

Mr. Mohamed Batran

Arab Republic of Egypt


Studied at: School of Engineering, University of Tokyo

Interned at: Nippon Signal Co., Ltd.

Current workplace: Rakuten Inc.

Mr. Batran giving a presentation at a World Bank conference.

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Wish to Connect Japan and Africa with the Spirit of ‘Okagesama’ – Thanks to You

Ms. Buyisile Zinhle Nzima

Republic of South Africa

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Current workplace: Marubeni Corporation, Johannesburg Branch

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Carrying on in Japan as an Entrepreneur and a Researcher

Mr. Ekote Nelson Nnoko

Republic of Cameroon

Batch: 2nd Batch (Sept. 2015 – Aug. 2017)

Studied at: Graduate School of Business and Economics, Professional Graduate School, Kwansei Gakuin University

Interned at: Case Bright Talke Java, DMM.com Group

Current workplace: Phosh Group International (stated own

Mr. Ekote calling for networking among students during his 2nd back welcome reception speech.

Learning many new things during an internship at DMM.com which expanding its business to Africa.

Before arriving in Japan

Expanding the Potential by Connecting with Others

I participated in the ABE Initiative because I wanted to improve my knowledge in business and to expand my network. Right after arriving in Japan, I made a speech at a welcome reception calling for networking among the participants. This led to the formulation of a platform called ‘Kakashihi Africa’ connecting businesses in Japan and Africa. I mobilized in finance at the Institute of Business and Accounting at Kwansei Gakuin University. I had a valuable experience during my internships with DMM.com and learned about various things including writing proposals for new products and projects, investment negotiations, businesses in Africa and others. Utilizing my former experience and network, I helped a food manufacturing company in Kobe by connecting them to a company in Cameroon in establishing a new company.

After returning home

Contributing to Africa and the World in Business

After completing the ABE initiative program, I returned to my country to start my own business in agriculture. However, my desire to study a doctorate course at Kwansei Gakuin University grew stronger and I am now back in Japan doing research in the field of public finance and economic development. I am also actively involved in the expansion of my business in Japan.

Before arriving in Japan

Interested to Know How Japanese people perceive Africa

After having studied commerce in a university in South Africa, I worked in the USA for a youth-run organization called GrooveZulu as well as at Catholic Charities of the Eastbay, a faith-based organization. After that, I joined the ABE initiative as I wanted to study African development from a Japanese perspective.

About training in Japan

Learning the Concept of Understanding Others and Consideration in Japan

I studied not only about academic matters at the International University of Japan with other students from over 50 different countries, but also about cultural diversity and understanding others. I was impressed to see how Japanese society cares for others in every part of their daily life. When I interned at Nippon Signal, I studied about the importance of a hands-on approach and realized the strength and great engineering knowhow of Japanese manufacturing companies. I was also able to deepen discussions on business strategies in Africa.

After returning home

Business Development of Japanese Trading Company

Currently, I work in the Marubeni Johannesburg branch in charge of business development in Sub-Saharan Africa. What I learned and experienced during the ABE initiative has truly opened up a new path in my life. ‘Ubuntu’ in our language means that a person is who they are because of others. This is the same concept as ‘okagesama’ in Japanese. I will never forget this ‘okagesama’ spirit and continue with my work of connecting Japan and Africa.

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The ABE Initiative is Giving Momentum to Our Businesses in Africa

For Better Understanding of Mozambique Businesses

In Mozambique, we are engaged in coal mining and transporting businesses of coal, such as railway and harbor work. Our natural gas business is also to be launched soon. This is the reason why we have accepted 23 trainees, prioritizing Mozambique, as interns to date expecting that the people who bear the future of the country can better understand our business activities.

The ABE Initiative Adds to Higher Motivation among Japanese Staff

After giving the overview of the company history and our African businesses to the interns, we ask them to draw up new business plans based on the needs in African countries. They come up with very interesting ideas. Their views are very inspiring for us and helpful for promoting business in the region.

Growing Affinity Drives Our New Businesses Forward

Having accepted interns for four years, our staff members are more and more interested in Africa. The internship program has become a driver of entry to new business fields in the region.

In 2013, we hired a former intern from South Africa as a staff member in our Johannesburg Office. We are looking forward to meeting such talents who developed their skills through the ABE Initiative.

Africa is Our Most Familiar Foreign Region Now

It All Began at TICAD

In 2013, we participated in the TICAD V held in Yokohama as one of the local enterprises and put up a booth to showcase our efficient-treatment technology. It was then that we first realized the potential of the environment business in Africa and eventually we decided to receive interns.

Our Products Seen through “Local People’s” Eyes

We have our interns observe our products being used at our customers’ plants first-hand. And then, we ask them how these products can be utilized to solve water treatment problems in their home countries. We also ask them to identify all the possible obstacles for our overseas business.

We Hired an ABE Initiative Grad from Senegal as a Staff Member

Acceptance of interns has brought about a big change in our offshore business operations. In January 2019, we hired a former intern from Senegal as a staff member, and we are also planning a joint-venture with several interns. We also started the development of new product for developing countries, cutting down the costs and yet maintaining the quality. Africa is the most distant continent from Japan, but now, it is the most familiar for us.

The ABE Initiative Boosted Global Business Expansion

Encounter While Seeking Entry to Africa

We were seeing Africa as our next target region. Then one day we met Mr. Christopher Maitai from Kenya, an entrepreneur and ABE Initiative participant studying at Miyazaki University, which is located in our city. When we came to know that he was interested in ICT, we immediately offered him an internship opportunity at KJS. During the 3-week internship program, we had him study about ThinkBoard and do some research on how it can be utilized in educational institutions and companies in Kenya, and then make a project plan.

Collaboration with Non-Japanese people - Now a Part of Daily Routine

Mr. Maia, after going back to his home country, participated in our on-site survey we carried out utilizing JICA’s Support for Japanese SMEs Overseas Business Development Program. As a result, Kenya’s Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority introduced our products in March 2019, and achieved great results.

After we started accepting interns, KJS hired staff from Bangladesh and India. Working with non-Japanese staff has become a part of our daily routine, like developing systems and projects, or doing businesses together. Our willingness to work together to achieve a common goal, despite cultural or language differences, is now our major strength.
African Energy Lights up Japan, too

In 2013, we started to provide an ICT Innovator Course conducted in English, in a bid to realize a diverse society and to channel energy of developing countries such as African countries to boost the revitalization of Kobe, Hyogo and Japan. They are always focused on how they can apply technologies and problem-solving ideas they acquire in Japan to their home country. Their high motivation and strong sense of purpose are having a good influence on us.

Bridging Kobe’s Local Enterprises and Africa

ABE Initiative participants are collaborating not only with their schools but also with the City of Kobe and local enterprises. For example, there are participants from Kenya and Madagascar who are working on a sake-making project with their joint-study partner company that is a producer of rice for sake brewing, located in Hyogo prefecture. Collaborations like these are happening in many ways. In addition, participants also support the City of Kobe and department stores who seek to improve their response to non-Japanese in a time of disaster through problem-solving practices, so as to help local communities solve local problems.

We are willing to continue to receive ABE Initiative participants and further advance collaboration with enterprises and promote human resource development in order to form a network that can help to solve various problems in Africa and Japan.

Participants Are Learning from Japan’s Experiences

I feel that ABE Initiative participants have a very clear sense of purpose. They are eager to learn about how the Japanese economy and industry developed and what kind of experiences, government and enterprises had been through. Meanwhile, another participant studied the government organization and public services in the field of healthcare and medical services in Japan and analyzed problems and challenges in his/her home country.

Network of Participants is Making Change in Our School

ABE Initiative participants are the link that connects this school with Africa. When we launch a new research activity in Africa, participants help and introduce us to universities or research institutes in their countries. Thanks to their international network, our studies are being expanded. Promotion of business in Africa through public-private partnership has been an important topic in the past Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) meetings. We would like to contribute to human resource development to promote business activities with long-term perspectives thorough advanced education, including PhD programs, in the field of public administration, systems and policy studies.

Participating in a high motivation and strong sense of purpose are having a good influence on us.

Collaboration with Participants Deepens Our Research

University of Tsukuba

Associate Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Kashiwagi Kenichi

Information

Location: Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture
Major Graduate Programs: Master’s, Ph.D. Program in Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Business Sciences, etc.
Total number of participants (international students) received: 35 (as of June, 2019)
HP: http://www.ktsukuba.ac.jp/