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**TO: NEWS EDITOR**  
**EVENT: Higher Education Pre Event of TICAD VI “Higher Education Breakthrough for Human Resources Development and Innovation in Africa”**  
**VENUE: JKUAT Main Campus Assembly Hall, JUJA**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2016 from 9.30 a.m.-13:00 p.m.**

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The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Fred Matiang’i will on Friday, 22 July 2016 officially open a Higher Education Pre-Event of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI). The event will be held at the Assembly Hall of the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) Main Campus in Juja from 9.30a.m.

This TICAD VI pre-event on Higher Education will provide an opportunity for key stakeholders from Africa and Japan to collectively discuss from a global perspective human resources development in the higher education sector, and key ingredients required for strengthening Industry-Government-Academia linkages, in order for Africa to nurture cutting-edge science and technology innovations in the near future. It comes as a run-up to the main TICAD VI Conference that will be held in Nairobi from 27-28 August 2016, the first time the Conference is being held outside Japan.

**Background**

**1. Objectives:** Many African countries have developed policies that aim to further accelerate industrialization through promotion of science and technology. However, over time, there has been slow progress in materializing these policies due to lack of human resources, budget, etc. In the field of Science, Technology and Innovation, among others, higher education institutions have an important role to localize the world’s leading research and technology by linking the local and global societies as a “knowledge bridge”.

Innovators and entrepreneurs who fully understand the conditions and contexts of the local society are most needed to promote the localization of cutting edge research and technology for their own industries and for improving their daily life. Universities in Africa

should be further strengthened to meet the need to develop such human resources in the field of science and technology. In addition, it is necessary to develop human resources in the field of social science and humanities, who can contribute to policy making management, business development and so on.

Japan could offer support to Africa based on accumulated experiences and lessons learnt from the benefits of Industry-Government-Academia linkages, coupled with its research outputs and technology of Japanese higher education institutions as well as “MONOZUKURI concept,” a philosophy that embodies the spirit of making excellent products through continuous improvement of systems.

## **2. Theme/Key Questions**

- What are the roles of each stakeholder of industry, government and academia in order to drive STI in Africa which is essential for accelerating economic growth as well as for addressing global common issues?
- What should we do to strengthen networks and collaborations among universities as well as between universities and industries, for development of human resources and for promotion of STI in Africa?
- What do local industries and Japanese industries expect from higher education institutions in Africa?

## **3. Organizers: JICA, JKUAT (Co-Organizer)**

## **4. Supporters Organization** (alphabetical order): Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), Linking Industry with Academia (LIWA), Nimura Genetic Solutions, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM).

**We are pleased to invite you to this event as an important media source. Please find attached the Program and a Location Map to the Venue.**

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## Program

Time	Session
9:30-9:55	<b>Opening Session</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Mabel Imbuga,</b> Vice Chancellor, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)</p> <p><b>Dr. Takao TODA,</b> Director General, Human Development Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</p> <p><b>His Excellency Toshitsugu UESAWA</b> Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan in Kenya</p> <p><b>Honorable Dr. Fred Okengo Matiang'i,</b> Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology</p>
9:55-10:25	<b>Keynote Speech</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Ahmed Magdy El-Gohary,</b> President, Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology (E-JUST)</p> <p><b>Prof. Juichi YAMAGIWA,</b> President, Kyoto University</p>
10:25-10:40	<b>Short Break</b>
10:40-11:00	<b>Presentation</b>
	<p><b>Dr. Kevit Desai,</b> Chairman, Linking Industry with Academia (LIWA)</p> <p><b>Dr. Kamau David Njoroge,</b> African Business Education Initiative Participant</p>
11:00-12:50	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Mabel Imbuga,</b> Vice Chancellor, JKUAT</p> <p><b>Prof. Ahmed Magdy El-Gohary,</b> President, E-JUST</p> <p><b>Prof. Adipala Ekwamu,</b> Executive Secretary, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)</p> <p><b>Dr. Kevit Desai,</b> Chairman, LIWA</p> <p><b>Mr. Satoshi NIMURA,</b> Executive Director, Nimura Genetic Solutions Co. Ltd</p> <p><b>Prof. Manabu TSUNODA,</b> JICA Senior Advisor (Higher Education)</p> <p>[Moderator] <b>Prof. Motoki TAKAHASHI,</b> Kyoto University</p>
12:50-13:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Paul Kanyari Njuki,</b> Chairman of Council, JKUAT</p>

**Location of the Venue: Assembly Hall**  
**Jomo Kenyatta University**  
**of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT),**  
 Main Campus (Juja)  
 (around 35 km from the Nairobi City)



(low) Clock Tower



JKUAT Main Gate



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