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TICAD VI SUCCESSFULLY HELD

Main speakers raised various key issues and challenges for Africa's development agenda through the mid-21st century



Prime Minister ABE speaking at TICAD VI, JICA President Kitaoka (first left and President Kagame (middle) among the High Level Panel speakers

“Africa Business Education for youth (ABE) Initiative” and implementing newly launched KAIZEN initiative.

iii) Support in health sector through the promotion of universal health coverage (UHC) and newly launched “Initiative for Food Security in Africa” (IFNA) border crossing formalities.

From August 25 to 28, JICA organized 18 side events focusing on the above three priority areas of TICAD VI and the newly emerging challenges facing Africa, Japan and the international community.

For a high-level panel discussion held on August 28 in Kenyatta International Convention Centre and moderated by JICA President Shinichi Kitaoka, JICA invited a number of eminent panelists including President Kagame to discuss the topic “Africa, toward 2063 and beyond”.

Mr. Kitaoka emphasized that the partnerships between Africa, Japan and the rest of the world should be equal, comprehensive and mutually respectful, and to this end, Africa needs continuous support from Japan and the world while Africa's partners need Africa to implement initiatives to turn its potential into reality.

During the TICAD- VI Kobe City which signed MOU with Kigali city for partnership in May 2016, and Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC) which has the largest number of Rwandan students under ABE Initiative; organized a Business Matching seminar between Japanese companies. 60 people attended the event to explore partnership and business opportunities in the region. Another meeting was arranged in Kigali right after the conference to forge further collaboration and partnerships with Japanese companies. •

On August 28, the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICADVI) came to a close in Nairobi, Kenya, after two days of events and more than 3,000 participants, including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and more than 35 heads of states. At the end of the summit, the Nairobi Declaration was adopted as the outcome of the series of discussions that had taken place. In addition to the main events at this first TICAD summit meeting in Africa, JICA held 18 official side events and supported another 8 side events hosted by other institutions over the four days from August 25 to 28. JICA will continue contributing to development in Africa by supporting Africa's initiatives based on the Nairobi Declaration.

The Nairobi Declaration identifies three priority areas for addressing newly emerging challenges in Africa's development as follows:

i) Promoting Structural Economic Transformation through Economic Diversification and Industrialization,

ii) Promoting Resilient Health Systems for Quality of Life, and
iii) Promoting Social Stability for Shared Prosperity

As the first step for taking specific actions to support these priority areas, the Government of Japan announced an assistance package for Africa over the next three years (2016 to 2018) in the amount of 3 trillion yen (equivalent to 30 billion US dollars) to be financed by both the public and private sectors.

While continuing to contribute to achieve the targets set at TICAD V, JICA, as a major development partners, will contribute to Japan's new assistance package to support the following areas:

i) Expanding the amount of finance of EPSA (Enhanced Private Sector Assistance for Africa) up to more than USD 33 hundred million by co-financing with African Development Bank (AfDB)

ii) Development of human resource engaging in industrial activities by continuing the program of

First Yen Loan project signed Kayonza- Rusumo road construction starting soon



Minister Gatete with JICA Representative Takada after signing

On July 13th 2016, JICA Chief Representative, Mr. Hiroyuki Takada signed a loan agreement with the Government of Rwanda to provide a Japanese ODA loan of up to 6.889 billion yen (around 68 million USD) for assistance for the Kayonza- Rusumo road improvement project.

This project will support repairs and widening of the Kayonza-Rusumo Road, which is located at a key logistics point for Rwanda and on the Central Corridor that leads to Dar es Salaam Port in Tanzania, thereby making overland transportation smoother and decreasing transportation costs to stimulate the transportation of goods in Rwanda and to nearby countries.

With its gross domestic product growing more than seven percent in recent years, Rwanda has been called “Africa’s Miracle” for its remarkable economic growth. As a landlocked country, the only means of overland transportation in Rwanda is roads, and either the North Corridor, which leads through Uganda to Mombasa Port in Ken-

ya, or the Central Corridor must be used to access foreign markets.

JICA has also supported improvements to OSBP operation capacity in five Eastern African countries, including Rwanda. Through these efforts, the logistics network to Rwanda via the Central Corridor, including the target road interval of this project, has been greatly improved, the transit regulations for vehicles crossing the border have been relaxed and border crossing procedures have become more efficient.

By supporting the improvement of the Kayonza-Rusumo Road, this project will produce synergistic effect with the outcomes of the other projects, which is expected in turn to contribute to the development of the economy in the Central Corridor region, including the neighboring countries.

This project will be co-financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB), -Rusumo Road (92 kilometers) and the implementation period are expected to be 30 months starting around November 2016 and to be completed in September 2019. The repayment period is 40 years with 10 years of grace period. ●

NON REVENUE WATER PROJECT LAUNCHED

Water loss to be reduced to 25%

In order to ensure the goals of vision 2020 and EDPRS, which are aimed at improving the water supply coverage to 100% by 201, are achieved, Water and Sanitation Corporation (WASAC) with the support of JICA have launched a project aimed at strengthening the Non- Revenue Water (NRW) control in Kigali City Water Network.

Non- Revenue Water is water that has been produced and is “lost” before it reaches a customer. These losses occur through either leaks or metering inaccuracies.

WASAC is pursuing a target of ensuring the water supply quantity of Kigali and promoting a plan to double the water sup-

ply quantity by the end of 2017. However, the challenge of the Non- Revenue Water (NRW) rate, which is 35.5% as of June 2016 still remains.

Given the newly launched project with JICA, WASAC Ltd.’s capacity will be enhanced to conduct NRW reduction measures as planned for Kigali city. The three-year project is expected to significantly contribute to the utility’s target of reducing revenue loss to 25 % in the next five years, says Sano James, WASAC CEO. JICA Experts will work with WASAC engineers to enhance their capacity of planning and implementation of non-revenue water reduction. ●

JICA IN THE MEDIA

New WASAC project seeks to reduce water revenue losses

The New Times
19th August 2016

10 ICT professionals to sharpen skills in Japan universities

The New Times
22nd August 2016

Kagame attends Tokyo International Conference on African Development

The New Times
28th August 2016

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

ABE Initiative third batch dispatch and fourth batch launch

Detailed Planning Survey mission for Sustainable Rwandan Coffee Quality and Marketing Improvement Project

Seven Officers of Educational Administration in Japan visited Rwanda to learn from each other’s system

Sakura Company from Japan is collecting data on the software effectiveness after two months use in the targeted schools

OCTOBER

Regional Trade Facilitation Project Joint Technical Committee meeting will be held in Kigali

Two JICA volunteers will leave Rwanda after completing two years mission in Rwanda

Mission will come to collect data on Kigali City Water Network project formulation

10 Rwandans selected for Masters in Japan ABE students to build business ties



Third batch of ABE Initiative : Ten participants to Masters in Japan

Ten participants from public and private sectors have been selected for the third batch mainly from ICT sector to attend Master's degree Program under the African Business Education Initiative for youth (ABE) Initiative to Universities in Japan.

Since 2013, JICA launched the ABE Initiative as one of the core commitments in TICAD V in Yokohama, Japan in 2013. The initiative was introduced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, as a strategic five-year plan providing 1,000 youths in Africa with opportunities to study at Japanese universities as well as experience internships at Japanese enterprises to foster human resource development for Africa's sustainable and sound industrial development.

The ABE initiative program is another modality of Japanese

economic cooperation that aims to give the opportunity to young Rwandan leaders from both of the private and public sectors to study in Japanese universities. The skills and knowledge the ABE Initiative candidates will get from Japan and Japanese history will surely sharpen their specialties and will increase their willingness and ability to resolve many issues in the development of Rwanda.

The 10 Rwandan participants are joining other 16 who were granted the same scholarship under the ABE initiative in the first and second batch. The initiative will nurture goodwill ambassadors between Japan and Rwanda and to strengthen economic ties between the private sectors in two countries and the interest from Japanese private sector to Rwanda is growing rapidly.

As of now, Rwanda has community of forty three master's students in Japan, dispatched through different JICA's financial schemes, on their completion of the long and tough screening process and on being successfully dispatched to Japan.

The fourth batch of ABE Initiative Master's program has been launched starting in September 2017. The deadline for application will be on **28th October 2016**. For more information, visit ABE initiative website to find updated information for application.

<http://education-japan.org/africa/index.html>
<http://www.jica.go.jp/english/countries/africa/internship.html> ●

Good health is essential to effective work delivery

Ms. Maki Nagai joined JICA office in August this year as Health Administrative.

Before coming to Rwanda, Ms. Nagai worked as a public health nurse in Japan. This is her first time to come and work in Africa.

"I am happy for this opportunity provided by JICA to work in Africa but I am also eager to learn many things from you. I want to learn your culture, your lifestyle and your food", says Nagai.

Concerning health matters,

Ms. Nagai advises us to take care of our health to be effective in our work. She says that prevention is better than cure. For her first months, Nagai is spending more of her time in visiting various hospitals in Rwanda to understand the working conditions so she can be able to support JICA volunteers especially who work in the rural community.



JICA Office gets new face in Administration

Mrs. Immaculate Mutesi started working as Administrative Officer since August 2016. This is not her first experience working with JICA because she worked with JICA School based Collaborative Teaching Training (SBCT) project. *"I really liked the Japanese working spirit that's why when this job offer was presented I couldn't hesitate applying and I thank God I got hired"* says Mutesi.

Immaculate is humorous and social that someone could imagine she's been

in the office for a year. The soon mother of two to be says got her first baby while working on this project and her colleagues nicknamed her SBI. *"I am wondering this second one will have TICAD as a nickname"* says Mutesi laughing. ●



Second Disability workshop in EAC hosted in Rwanda

The second East African Regional Workshop on Disability was held from 8th to 10th August 2016 in Kigali as a follow up of the first one held in March this year. The workshop was jointly organized by National Council of Persons with Disabilities and JICA.

Since the adoption of Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006, many countries have established a national council (NC) which advocates the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and mainstreams disability issues into national development as well as required to play a more significant role at both policy and implementation level. To fulfill the responsibility, a cooperative network among NCs was put in place for sharing their own expertise and supporting each other.

With these circumstances, in March 2016, the first Regional Workshop on Disability was in order to create a regional cooperation framework among NCs of the East African countries. Representatives from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi

attended the workshop and all the participants agreed on the importance of continuous effort to promote disability inclusive development in the region.

During the second workshop, officials had presentations about achievements and findings since the first workshop, and called for common strategies to ensure that disability is taken into account in various aspects such as health, education, employment, transport and accessibility.

As a result of the workshop, the participants drafted a joint statement agreeing that:

- Disability should be made part of planning, implementation and monitoring of national and regional strategies in line with Sustainable Development Goals with clear and feasible numerical targets and indicators.
- The disability sector through the NCs of/for PWD should be represented at SDGs implementation focal points at national and regional level
- NCs of/for PWD should be

established and strengthened as lead government agents in all partner states with structures that are harmonized in order to represent their voice into national and regional development in an effective manner,

- Each government shall strengthen the function of their NC of/for PWD with adequate funding as a major actor for promoting the rights of PWD,
- Each government shall recognize the importance of regional cooperation on disability and take responsibility for it,
- Replica Council of PWD shall be established at East African Community level to work with the NCs at the partner state level.



Introducing Interactive Mathematics software to Rwandan children

Africa Smart Investments-Distribution (ASI-D), in partnership with SAKURA-SHA K.K, conducted SMART Boot Camp for pupils in Primary 1 and 2 from various schools. Around 80 children learned Mathematics and experience basic PC operation for 5 days. In well-equipped classrooms, students were lent laptops in which digital teaching/learning material "Interactive Mathematics" was pre-loaded.

Interactive Mathematics (IM) is educational software that assists teachers/students in teaching/learning mathematics through technology. Originally developed by SAKURA-SHA of Japan, students can fully and quickly understand the basic mathematics concept through watching

various animations related to the topics. "I am enjoying using a laptop in learning mathematics. It will help me become smarter and number one in the next term evaluation" said Anaella Ingabire, student in P2.

Being assisted by JICA, SAKURA-SHA has been conducting "Feasibility Survey for Utilization of ICT to Improve the Quality of Primary Mathematics Education" since April 2016, in which education curriculum in Rwanda were analyzed and total contents of IM were revised accordingly to benefit primary schools in this country. With this software, PC at schools or at home, will facilitate effective and interactive education which is in line with the ICT in Education Policy, promoting SMART Classrooms in entire Rwanda. ●

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