JICA Rwanda Office celebrated a decade anniversary

On 8th December 2015, JICA Rwanda Office invited its respective partners to come and celebrate the achievements registered since the reopening of the Kigali office in 2005.

The event included speeches, panel discussion and exhibition. In his remarks, the Chief Representative, Mr. Takahiro MORIYA appreciated the partners, the government of Rwanda and all the stakeholders for the continuous support, without which JICA couldn’t operate effectively.

“The 10th Anniversary does not mean a conclusion of JICA’s operations in Rwanda, but a milestone for starting a new era. It is similar to that Rwanda was transformed from a post-conflict country to an emerging country. Furthermore, it is very important to learn lessons from the past”; mentioned Mr. Moriya Takahiro.

Through this practice, JICA will renew the commitment to work for betterment of all the people in Rwanda. The panel discussion elaborated on the subject “Rwanda’s Pathway to Knowledge-based economy and the role of development cooperation”. This highlighted first how the vision to be “knowledge-based economy” helped Rwanda’s development in the past, secondly what have been and will be the key challenges and thirdly how different stakeholders including the government, private sector and development partners can work together to realize Rwanda’s vision in the future.

In the exhibition, JICA Experts and volunteers presented their project activities. JOCV working in Rwanda also took the opportunity to show their different activities as this year coincides with their 50th anniversary since the program started.

Many guests who attended the event commended the work done by JICA in Rwanda.