



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Japanese Leading ICT Company, Future Corporation, to Launch Online AI (Artificial Intelligence) Training Program in Rwanda with JICA**

August 2019, Future Corporation, one of the leading ICT consulting companies in Japan, will launch its 1st online AI training program in Rwanda, in collaboration with The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In response to the growing gaps between demands and supply of AI experts globally, Future Corporation is engaging in the feasibility study titled “*Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector for Offshoring by AI Engineers Trained On-line*”, under JICA’s Private Sector Partnership Program.

The study aims to assess the potential of AI engineers in Rwanda, by leveraging the expertise of Future Corporation in the field of ICT and AI. As a part of the feasibility study, Future Corporation will conduct a trial AI training Program. Ph.D. Students from Rwanda studying at Japanese Universities will provide on-line training to students and young ICT engineers in Rwanda. AI training provides courses on the fundamentals of machine learning and deep learning, and practical hands-on training, such as on coding, to build machine learning and deep learning models. AI training will provide opportunities for students and young ICT engineers to gain the necessary skills required of AI engineers.

On 6th August 2019, Future Corporation will officially launch its 1st online training program in Rwanda, by introducing the program and 6 selected trainees from Rwanda, including young talented students from African Center of Excellence in Internet of Things and African Center of Excellence in Data Science, University of Rwanda. The launch will be witnessed by H.E. Mr. Takayuki Miyashita, the Ambassador of Japan to Rwanda.

We believe this collaboration between Future Corporation and JICA will contribute to develop highly skilled human resources of Rwanda towards socio-economic development and will further strengthen the relationship between Rwanda and Japan.

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