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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF JICA

MR. TOSHIO NAGASE

Dear JATA Members
Konnichiwa!

It is my great pleasure to have this opportunity to write a small message in this year's JATA Newsletter. This is a very good opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you and to Tanzania in general for your cooperation in JICA's development activities.



Now, you, JATA members, are contributing to the development of your home country, Tanzania, by fulfilling your respective responsibilities, utilizing the technology and experience you got when you were in Japan or from other countries under JICA's programme. This is the primary objective of JICA's training programme. JICA cannot build this country, but you can.

I would like to make it clear that JICA's role in Tanzania is to supplement the efforts of Tanzanians in shaping their own future. I challenge all of you, as JICA ex-participants, to utilize the knowledge, skills and experience that you obtained in Japan to further enhance the livelihoods of all Tanzanians. The future of Tanzania will be determined by Tanzanians. I am sure you have a great role to play in that regard.

At the same time, we all are in one world, we all are sharing one fate and we all have a common destiny. So, if we, I mean peoples of the world, can work together for one purpose namely a world of peace and welfare, this act alone can be most satisfying to the people who are providing assistance to others. As a new JICA's Vision, "Leading the World with Trust". We have to lead the world but with full of trust to our people. This also applies to you. As the founding father of the Tanzanian nation, Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, rightly said: "United we stand, divided we fall". Our joint efforts will enable us achieve wonders. As you may know, JICA is now marking 55 years in Tanzania. In those years it has been implementing various projects to Tanzania including Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Industrial development programs, Local Government, Water supply programs etc. Some of the projects have already completed and others are ongoing. This is due to the efforts of Tanzanian people

and Japanese government through the ODA system.

Tanzania is currently the top recipient of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) among Sub-Saharan countries. JICA has also managed to send about 18,000 Tanzanians to Japan through Knowledge Co-Creation Program, dispatched to Tanzania about 2,000 Japanese experts in various fields and also 1,600 Japanese volunteers were dispatched to Tanzania.

The most recent achievement done by JICA is the construction of Mfugale Flyover in which was officially inaugurated by his Excellency, President John Pombe Magufuli. Sending to Japan the participants for Master's Degree and Internship Programme of African Business Education for Initiative for youth (ABE Initiative) in which as of now 85 Tanzanian youth have been sent to Japan to attend this program.

Apart from the above mentioned activities, JICA has organized its second year Ladies First Marathon in which many young ladies athletes had an opportunity to participate. Those are drawn from different regions including Pemba and Unguja. The event started in November, 2017. On October 21, 2018, 8 winners from the 1st Ladies First event were sent to Japan to participate in Nagai City Marathon, (Yamagata prefecture). Nagai City will be the host town of Tanzania at the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic games to be held in 2020. I hope many JATA members will attend and see the wonders of these ladies and congratulate them.

To conclude my message, I would like to congratulate you for your effort in making JATA active. I attended some of the activities which high ranking officials from the government were attended; this shows how JATA is now becoming popular. Involvement of JOCV volunteers is another area which I would also like to congratulate. By saying that as JICA ex-participants, I remind you that you have a great role to play in contributing to the development of your country by fulfilling your responsibilities; utilizing the technology and experiences you got from Japan or other countries under JICA's programme.

I wish you a very successful.

ASANTENI SANA

MESSAGE FROM THE JATA DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Omar Kassim

It is indeed a great honour on behalf of Executive Committee to extend our sincere gratitude to all JATA members for their enormous support in making sure that our association continues to thrive and unite in common goal for ensuring that we share various experiences with our society.



During this 2018/2019 fiscal year JATA introduces you 16th issue of our newsletter with the whole aim of informing about activities conducted and also publish articles of interest in nurturing our true friendship with Japan

Since last AGM after publishing 15th issue of our newsletter JATA members in collaboration with JICA and JOCV managed various activities in accordance to JATA constitution which aim at raising awareness to general public on issues related to what JATA members have been trained in Japan. Activities were conducted in the form of Annual general meeting, Visiting JICA sponsored projects in the country, Public relation meetings and social gatherings.

This year, Executive Committee, JATA members and JOCV had the opportunity to undertake various activities like Public Relation meeting in Zanzibar about Awareness on Alternative Energy for sustainable Family Economy, Improve in standard of living and rescue environmental degradation. Seminar on independent living for people with disabilities. Visit to a JICA grant Masasi to Mangaka road. Observation tour of Mtambaswala Umoja Bridge that connects Tanzania and Mozambique.

Finally members had the opportunity to visit various cooperative groups at Masasi District to learn more on how ex participants assist those communities in projects that aims at boosting local economy.

The Executive Committee members were able to organize and implement successfully the above activities mainly on members' subscription and the support from JICA. I take this opportunity on their behalf to thank you for the participation in the events, assistance and cooperation.

I humble my request to all JATA members to contribute articles on various discipline of their profession as well as entertaining ones to enable the JATA newsletter to be published annually.

Thank you

JATA PROMOTES ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN ZANZIBAR

By: Kassim Shaali - Excom member

JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA) urges Zanzibar people to switch their energy supplies to clean, secure and sustainable sources in a one day seminar which was held on 6th October 2018 in a mystical island of Zanzibar.

The seminar was themed "Awareness on Alternative Energy for Sustainable Family Economy, Improvement in Standard of Living and Rescue Environment Degradation" to address detrimental effects caused by irresponsible use of energy to indigenous forest resources (including biodiversity) and health issues that may arise through the use of fuel wood and charcoal as the main source of energy.



Hon. Rashid Ali Juma - Minister for Agriculture Natural Resources Livestock and Fisheries in Zanzibar officiated the workshop at Zanzibar University where in his opening remarks the Minister congratulated JATA for having placed the environment at the centre of their activity, and for providing such dynamism to discussions on environmental issues.



Guest of honor gives his speech

The opening was preceded by two key note addresses from Dr. Idrissa M. Hija (Chairperson JATA [Z]; and Mr. Toshio Nagase (JICA Chief Representative). Other dignitaries who were present at the function were Ms. Akiko Ito (JICA Representative), Dr. Sira U. Mamboya (Minister responsible for Infrastructure), Prof. Mustafa A. Roshash (Vice Chancellor – Zanzibar University), and Mr. Mabrouk Jabu (Commissioner - Zanzibar Electoral Committee).



JATA members and community members listening to the paper presentation

JATA WORKSHOP FOR PWDs- PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HELD AT KEBBY'S HOTEL DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA - NOVEMBER 3, 2018

By: Nyamizi Muhoja

A field visit to Jozani Biosphere Reserve was included in the seminar to enable the seminar participants to observe the risks and impacts of excessive use of forests as an ultimate source of energy and simultaneously provide strategies to sustainable use of indigenous biomass resources as an alternative source of energy.



Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park.

The participants had a time to learn and confer with the exhibitors in connection to various forms of alternative energy used for preparing food at household level, that are environmental friendly, low-cost, affordable, and time saving before they departed to their respectable destinations.



Alternative Energy



JATA organized workshop for PWDs -People with Disabilities held in Kebby's hotel Dar es salaam. Two presentations were facilitated by Ms. Nyamizi, first one was about the Law and policies of PWDs, types and causes of disabilities.



Ms Nyamizi presenting a paper on IL



Ex-participant Ms. Hawa Nyamizi shared the experience on IL – Independent living for PWDs for better life.

The main Objective of the workshop was to raise awareness on Independent living for Persons with Disabilities and the community to enhance Independent living. Specific objectives were to promote and advocacy accessibility and barrier free for PWDs to enhance smooth daily working for their wellbeing and National development. The workshop was attended by the Senior Representative of JICA Tanzania office Mr. Kentaro Akutsu, the Representative Ms. Akiko Ito, Ms. Stela Msofe the Kinondoni District Administrative Secretary representing the guest of honor Mr. Daniel Chongolo the Kinondoni District Commissioner. Others were; PWDs from Kinondoni Municipal Council, JATA members from Zanzibar and Tanzania mainland, community development and social welfare officers from Kinondoni Municipal whose deal direct with PWDs.



Some members took group photo with the Guest of honor.

MASASI – MANGAKA (JICA GRANT AID) O & OD PROJECT ACTIVITY AND EX – PARTICIPANTS ACTIVITY

On 16th November 2018 at Masasi township, Masasi JATA members were joined with members from Lindi, Mtwara, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) working at Masasi and executive committee members from Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar to conduct a project visit in the southern zone.

The main objective of the event, was to visit a JICA Grant Aid Masasi to Mangaka road up to Mtambaswala umoja bridge and ex- participants activities in the area, thus creating awareness to Tanzanians on Japan/Tanzania relationship, Japan assistance to the development of our nation in road construction, education, health and other sectors.

The event was highly a success, thanks to Masasi JATA members led by Mr. Jeremiah Lubeleje (Masasi District Planning Officer) who played a major role in planning and coordination until its implementation. Members, led by Vice Chairperson Mr. Omary Kassim, paid courtesy call to District Executive Director (DED) Ms Changwa Mkwazu and then to District Commissioner (DC) Mr. Seleman Mzee.



Part of the Masasi - Mangaka Road



Observing Umoja Bridge at Mtambaswala

Later, members paid courtesy call to Nanyumbu District commissioner Mr. Mosses Machali. The DC was pleased to receive JATA members and proposed to host future JATA activity in his district.

During the visit, members observed that the road is Wide, Nice and well-constructed, no vehicle congestion on the road, smooth and comfortable flow of transport, community awareness to Japan involvement in Tanzania development was done, there is an increase in number of vehicles as compared in the past years when the road was bad, Mtambaswala is now a new growing village because of the road and bridge, border people at Mtambaswala / umoja bridge move easily and freely to both sides of countries Mozambique and Tanzania.

Ex – Participants Activities

Members visited Tuleane group at Namajani ward, Amani Chiroro village which was started in 2013 by cultivating crops together and learning poultry keeping.

Ex- Participants, working at Masasi community development office, Ms Neema Joseph, Peter Mushi and Hashim Mapinda got involved in managing and guiding the group. In 2014, the group was officially registered. From their guidance and management, the group has increased its activities to environmental protection, bee keeping for honey harvesting and maize milling machine. The group displayed and sold their products of honey, batik clothing and flour to visiting members. There is bright future for group members under management and guidance of Japan ex-participants.



Courtesy call to the Masasi DED Ms. Chagwa Mkwazu



Group photo with Guest of honor the DC, Mr. Seleman Mzee

District Commissioner Mr. Selemani Mzee was a guest of honour during detailed presentation from initial to final stage of road construction by Mr. Edward Kokinda from TanRoads Mtwara head office at Masasi Rock City hotel. In his remarks, DC commended the whole event as he also worked in Japan for four years at Shibuya as announcer for radio NHK Nippon. He appreciated our visit and expects to create change in many aspects like :- Life with future focus, Job discipline, Projects and community awareness, Observe change in attitude, like time keeping, Help returnees with thoughts for creation of sustainable projects, Constructive ideas in education and Markets and products with added value.



Visiting Tuleane Women group at Namajani Ward



Honey produced by Tuleane Women group



Members of Tuleane Women group

JATA Members from Masasi, Mtwara and Lindi elected Mr Jeremiah Lubeleje to be Zone Chairperson and Ms Maisha Mlaponi from Mtwara town council, Zone secretary General. That was official launch of JATA Southern Zone at the end of the visit.

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