

# JATA

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF JICA TANZANIA OFFICE

MR. NAOFUMI YAMAMURA

I feel greatly honored and privileged to have been given this space to write a small message in the seventeenth issue of your venerated Newsletter for 2020.

It has been less than a year since I was assigned to Tanzania.

During this thrilling period, I have observed many changes in terms of infrastructure development in

the City of Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and other areas under the leadership of the President of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. John Pombe Magufuli. I have also observed the incredible efforts with excitement, which are being made by Tanzanians in purging themselves out of poverty, corruption and under development. I am very positive that Tanzania is on the right course of development taking advantage of the prevailing peace and serenity. I am happy to note that Japan has been one amongst contributors and supporters in making what Tanzania is today.

On August 28, 2019, H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, addressed the Advancement of Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation at the opening session of the 7th Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD 7) held in Yokohama. Furthermore, He stated that the significance of ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth) program is to create and maintain a solid bridge linking Japanese companies with Africa while nurturing leaders in the industries.

I believe that the ABE participants will also have an important role to link between Japanese and African industries, which will in turn strengthen the existing cordial relationships between Tanzania and Japan. In view of this,



I request all successful candidates to learn extensively in Japan, the models which can contribute to changing Tanzania to become an industrialized economy and thereby a middle-income country by 2025, as stated in the Vision 2025 and 2nd Five Year Development Plan (FYDP2).

Coming back to JATA, I am aware that JATA has conducted many activities aimed at bringing together all JICA ex-participants of JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), as well as promoting the friendship between Japan and Tanzania. I must commend JATA members for these activities and I hope the association will conduct more activities in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing every one of you contribute to the development of the association both physically and financially, for the sustainability of the association. I know that there are more than 4,000 members but not many of them are active at the moment. If more and more members are voluntarily committed to JATA's activities, we, as the closest supporter of JATA, feel our contribution is more than worth continuing. I am asking you to urge yourself to take ownership of your association further.

To conclude this message 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 encourage all of you, as JICA ex-participants, to make use of the knowledge, skills and experience that you gained in Japan to further improve the livelihoods of all Tanzanians. The future of Tanzania will be strongminded by Tanzanians. I am sure you have a great role to play in this regard.

I wish all JATA members great success in your day-to-day activities.

## MESSAGE FROM THE JATA DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Ms. Rose Temu, Deputy Secretary General of JATA



Dear our Lovely Readers,  
On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all JATA members for their tireless cooperation to us as office bearers for the consecutive three years from 2017 to 2020. Thank you for your good decision and trust us to make sure JATA being in proper

position. The Committee was able to organize and implement successfully their planned activities by using members' subscriptions fees and the JICA subsidy. Again I humbly take this opportunity to thank you for the participation in the events.

However, JICA Alumni Association in Tanzania, we must maintain solidarity and discipline to achieve our intended goals. In point of view, I am herewith to introduce to you the 17th issue of the JATA Newsletter covered with articles from JATA members which carried out successfully by the period of Fiscal Year 2019/2020. It is my belief that you will continue sending relevant articles to fostering mutual friendship between our country and Japan. Once again, I thank you all who took trouble in writing articles which relate our studies in Japan and implemented JATA planned activities.

As far as JATA constitution. JATA have been doing activities as one of its objectives in order to raise awareness to the public on issues related to what JATA members/ex-participants have been studied in Japan and/ or some challenges facing the community members. These was done by organizing workshops, seminars, visiting JICA projects, Public Relations meetings and address community social issues and finally report to Annual General Meetings-AGM.

For example, this year some of the JATA members had an opportunity to participate in several activities such as to visit JICA project in Korogwe District- Class for Every one (C 4 E), Public Relations meeting in Zanzibar on about "Marine time Rescue", which was graced by the Minister of States, Second Vice President's Office in Zanzibar Hon. Mohammed Aboud Mohammed, the JICA Senior Representative of JICA Mr. Fumihiko Suzuki. Another event was the Zonal Leaders meeting, which was held in Dodoma to create a link and good communication between Zones and Executive Committee members to enhance smooth modality of revenue collection. One of the interesting events was the Japanese Cultural Festival which JATA and KAKEHASHI Alumni prepared BIRIAN with beef. Japanese and Tanzanians enjoyed a delicious taste of BIRIAN.

The Executive Committee managed to organize and implement successfully the above activities by using members' subscriptions and subsidy from JICA. From all and above I thank you all for your initiative, advise, participation and contributions to ensure JATA remain in a good place.

Lastly, but not the least I agree to all JATA members to maintain the spirit of team work, contracted relevant articles to enhance the JATA Newsletter is published yearly. I wish all the best for the election of New office bearers for FY 2020/23 to make sure JATA doing better and better forever.

**Domo Arigato Gazaimashita**

## JATA MEMBERS VISITED A JICA PROJECT IN KOROGWE DISTRICT

Konnichiwa!

It was among the brilliant days of 6th of September, 2019, whereby, a group of 23 JATA members from Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Pemba and Unguja together with journalist from Korogwe district, visited the JICA Project for Prevention of School Dropouts and Social isolation due to Unwanted Pregnancy by Increasing Study Motivation and Health Literacy with Mobile Library Education which is under the JICA Partnership Program implemented by Class for Everyone. JICA Tanzania Office staff was among the people who visited there.

A one day awareness seminar was conducted at Antakae primary school which is at Msambizi area in Korogwe district. The school is located high up the mountains, few hundred meters from the main road heading to Kwamasimba village and it has a total of 234 pupils. The seminar was concerning Tatu na Mbili inclusive education for adolescence children to alert them about Reproductive Education which emphasis the school girls and boys to realize themselves and set special targets in their education career as recently the rate of early pregnancy and sexual abuse for school children is very alarming in Tanzania. The well - structured story booklet of adolescent "TATU na MBILI" was used to give out the knowledge. Members observed how the Education was given to the pupils and made aware on how to focus on their academic achievements and avoiding different kinds of temptations to prevent them from dropping out of school by early/ teenage pregnancies. This program covers 43 primary schools and 13 secondary schools in Korogwe district in Tanga Region.



The Tatu na Mbili program is being assisted financially and technically by JICA and have achieved a great success and impacts to school girls in Korogwe district under the strong leadership of the Program Coordinator Mr. Nicolaus Shemsanga. The project is run in collaboration with a Japanese Midwife, Ms. Yoko Shimpuku, the Project Manager who did the related research on the situation of the adolescent pregnancy in Tanzania for ten years. Members appreciated the ideas put forward by the founders for the friendship of our two countries.



*A group photo with Antakae Primary school teachers and students.*

## JATA HELD ZONAL LEADERS MEETING IN DODOMA

Tanzania is a country known for its wilderness and a population of more the 55 million people in sustainable engagement initiatives, most Tanzanians indulge themselves in agriculture, fishing, livestock production and other activities to make their daily livelihood.

To bridge the development gap, Tanzania Government fully embrace innovation in all sectors especially in science, technology politics, social affairs and economy thus leap frogging the development ladder.

Japan International Cooperation Agent -JICA has been at the fore front in supporting innovation by training and creating a conducive environment for development sustainability under KCCP- Knowledge Co- Creative Program. hence wealth and competences of a Nation.

Japan through JICA sponsored training which has created more than 4,000 well qualified Tanzanians in different disciplines such as Education, Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure and so on who are scattered all over the Tanzania. These ex - participants, through their Association known as JATA- JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania assist and facilitate in achieving the expected managerial and development goals.

JATA Executive Committee Members in collaboration with JICA planned to conduct one day Zonal leaders meeting as the one of the planned JATA Fiscal Year- JFY 2019/2020 activities. The meeting was held on 12/10/2019 in Dodoma Capital City. At the Fifty-Six Hotel. The workshop attendees were leaders from seven established Zones and few JATA members from Dodoma.



Mr. Shemsanga (with Kitenge shirt) give a short history of Antakaye Primary school

At Antakae, the interesting thing was that JATA members found a classroom that was built in 1952 and it is still used by class four pupils.



Old classroom which was built in 1952 - a Standard IV Classroom

After the visit of Antakae school, members moved to Kwamndolwa Secondary School which is located along old Korogwe road. It is a community co-education secondary school having about 420 students. The school had only fifty (50) hostel students before the installation of solar lights in the classroom. After the installation of solar lights the number of the hostel students increased up to One hundred and sixty (160). The solar lights were installed by the JICA project "Class for Everyone". The project also provide science subject materials to empower students to perform better in their studies.



Kwamndolwa Secondary School



A group photo at Kwamndolwa Secondary school JATA members with the school management.

The visit was very exciting, memorable and very interesting.  
Domo Arigato Gozaimasu

By Kassim Shaali Ame



The guest of Honor – Mr. Selemani Tajiri gives his remarks

The aim of this meeting was to empower Zones in attendance and understanding the aims and objectives of the Association as per "Article 111 of JATA Constitution" at grass root level to cater for all members to wilderness of a country.



A group photo of zonal leaders, EXCOM members together with JICA Representative

# JATA HELD WORKSHOP ON ZANZIBAR MARITIME RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM



On 2nd November, 2019, Zanzibar Zone organized a Workshop on MARITIME RAPID EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM in order to raise awareness and to demonstrate how the power of modern technologies can help rescue many lives. Through this system all registered/licensed vessels will be equipped with the mobile phones, and whenever the vessel faces emergency situation such as damage, grounding, fire, explosion, etc. the system will be able to locate their coordinates and

report to nearby vessels to assist in rescue by clicking a button. The reason of organizing this workshop is that Zanzibar is an Island surrounded by Indian Ocean and about 40% of its population are actively engaged in fishing and other related activities.

As we know that fishermen are characterized mainly by small and simple vessels, some of them without engines, include dhows, canoes, and small boats with minimal. Through this integrated platform, the stakeholders could also share information, update fishing statistics and other related marine operations, fast track assistance in salvages, avoid huge property losses, and protection against environmental degradation. equipment for navigation purposes.

One victim, raised his joy and satisfaction from the proposal of the activity as he had already faced that type of disaster when their boat sank in the Indian Ocean. Fortunately, no one died, but they lost their properties including fishing net which cost them a lot of money. It is our hope that if the idea succeeds, Zanzibar and Tanzania in general will be able to rescue many lives that are currently lost for just lack of RAPID RESPONSE SYSTEM.



Canoes used by fishermen

It was noticed how weak is, the emergency rescue system, which results in loss of many lives. Several examples of disaster were observed.

- 1) Disaster of boats during transport from Zanzibar to Dar es salaam and within Zanzibar (from Unguja to Pemba), (from Mkokotoni to Tumbatu)
- 2) Lost of fishermen while they are on duty, some of them completely disappeared and those who were lucky rescued found in critical condition



▲ Sink ship

▲ Drawn Fishermen

The seminar was graced by Hon. Mohammed About Mohammed – Minister of State, Second Vice President's Office, Zanzibar, Mr. Fumihiko Suzuki the Senior Representative of JICA Tanzania Office, Dr. Sira U. Mamboya, Minister responsible for Infrastructure, Dr. Idrissa M. Hija – Principal Secretary of the Zanzibar Ministry of Education who is also the Chairperson JATA Zone [Zanzibar], and Mr. Mabrouk Jabu - Commissioner - Zanzibar Electoral Committee. Among other dignitaries who were present at the function was Ms. Reste Nabakka – Program Officer from JICA Uganda Office.



Presentation on maritime rapid emergency



JATA member during discussion



GROUP PHOTO : JICA Representatives, Guest of Honor, JATA Zanzibar leaders zone and JATA Executive Committee Members.

After the workshop, as part of follow-up to previous PR activities, JATA members visited a vegetable plot situated at Tunguu, which is managed by a JICA ex-participant, Mr. Omar Kassim working with Zanzibar University. He started the vegetables and fruits farm using a drip irrigation system, replicating a technical package and innovation, which was, introduced by JATA during the PR Activity in Pemba in 2014.



Mr. Omar showing his farm to JATA members.



JATA members are happy with the fruits harvested from Mr. Omar's fruit farm