



New Executive Committee Members.



His Excellency Ambassador of JAPAN - Shinichi Goto was the Guest of Honor.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF JICA TANZANIA OFFICE

MR. NAOFUMI YAMAMURA

Dear JATA Members,

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.



Based on the recent situations that no participants could fly to Japan this year, it is very beneficial that the experiences in Japan will be shared more actively among members and get prepared until the time comes to normalize the goings and comings in the future.

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 am happy to note that Japan has been a contributor in making what Tanzania is today. Needless to say, the future of Tanzania will be determined by Tanzanians. I am sure that all JATA members have great roles to play in this regard.

This year, a number of things has changed or has been changing globally because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In many countries, lockdown was conducted, economic development was decelerated, a lot of people lost their jobs, and the traffic of people has seriously decreased. In April, May, and June 2020, schools were closed in Tanzania as well to prevent the spread of this disease.

Japan has also taken various countermeasures, under which the way of conducting JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) had to be changed as well. Most of the training courses are now provided by online, which the participants do not fly to Japan but participate from their home countries. Here in Tanzania also, we have conducted a number of online KCCP courses since September 2020.

On one hand, it is a bit pity that the hands-on experience "in Japan" cannot be provided for the participants, but on the other hand, we believe the online KCCP has several advantages as well. For instance, more number of participants can attend courses, more working parents with small children could participate easily from their home, participants can become familiar with current online tools, etc.

Coming back to JATA, this year's activities were conducted very carefully, such as wearing a face mask, properly washing and sanitizing hands, and keeping enough social distance at each activity, in order to minimize the risk of infection. I sincerely appreciate all the efforts that you made and will make continuously for each JATA member's health.

Moreover, I am aware that JATA has conducted many activities aimed at bringing together all JICA ex-participants of KCCP and ABE, as well as promoting the friendship between Japan and Tanzania. I must applaud 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 JATA both physically and financially, for the sustainability of the association. I know that there are more than 4,500 members but not many of them are active at the moment. I strongly believe, 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 my message, I would like to congratulate you for your effort in making JATA active. I am also aware that high ranking officials from the Government attended some of the activities; this shows how JATA has been kept and becoming more popular. By saying that, as JICA ex-participants, I remind you again 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 acquired from Japan or other countries under JICA's programme.

I wish all JATA members every success in your daily work.

ASANTENI SANA

LIFE AFTER MASTERS DEGREE AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN JAPAN.

Mr. KAPALATA, Deogratus Alphonse

Tanzania



1. Studied at The University of Tokyo- Hongo Campus, Master of Science in Agricultural Economics
2. Working as Director, KPLT Enterprises Limited, Tanzania.
3. I normal design and direct all the activities done by our company. Our company is processing VIRGIN Coconut oil which are useful for different uses human body, internal use and external use. As Director I carry out activities in looking for the market, quality accessing, product designing, strategizing business direction.
4. Area of Interest: Internal market and Export of Extra Virgin coconut oil from Tanzania.
5. Looking for  Business Partner  Knowledge-sharing  Employer  Others (Customer for high quality coconut oil)
6. Tanzania has a lot of Opportunities for local and foreign investment in different sectors, and a number of Japanese companies have already invested in Tanzania. In the market for coconut oil, the market for coconut oil is very high and due to the quality of this natural coconut oil product, it gives enough room for more investors to invest and to do the improvement on how good quality coconut oil will be produced so that it can easily be able to capture the market and supply all over Tanzania and other countries. When I came back from Japan, I direct started producing virgin coconut oil by making sure I produce coconut oil which has high quality just as how Japanese products maintains its quality. Throughout this time, I have acquired enough experience in producing virgin coconut oil. With this I believe, after having partnership with any company from Japan which is interested in producing coconut oil, we can supply enough quantities with high technology and good quality product.

KP ORGANIC VIRGIN COCONUT OIL PICTURES



We produce different bottle sizes. Starting from 120mills, 250mills, 1 litre, 5 litres, etc. It depends with customers request.



Leather made in Tanzania

Bag parts from Japan

This is the result of the training opportunity Masters degree under ABE Initiative program attended by both Mr. & Mrs May.

JICA PROJECT VISIT ON "O & OD" WAS HELD IN KISARAWE DISTRICT



Group Photo with DED Kisarawe (Middle)

About 30 JATA members, made a visit to JICA project on O&OD in Kisarawe district on September 25, 2020. Those members comprised of members from Coast Zone, Dar es Salaam region, Pemba, Unguja, Morogoro, Arusha and Iringa Zone. Others were from Mtwara, Mwanza, Kisarawe District council staff, Media Personnel, JICA Staff, including community members from Chambasi, Msimbu and Homboza villages.

JICA Project on Obstacles and Opportunity for Development (O&OD) in Tanzanian community has been ongoing for a long period. The Project is implemented in corroboration with Local Government Authority in different parts of the country, Kisarawe district among them.

JATA Members visited Kisarawe District for overview, observation and learning on project implementation process and methods. Members and JICA staff had an opportunity to pay a courtesy call to District Executive Director, Mr. Gama who is also a JATA member.

Mr. Deus Mbalamwezi - Kisarawe District Economist assisted by Mr. Chinchibella - Community Development Officer gave a presentation on improved O&OD as implemented in Kisarawe district. The District has 4 Divisions, 17 wards, 65 villages and 251 hamlets.



This is a school which was built by the community members under O&OD project

Kisarawe District, started the implementation of the Improved opportunity and obstacles development project in year 2010 in Msimbu ward located 25 km from Kisarawe town at Homboza village and Mafisi ward at Gwata village 112 km from town. In 2014, improved O&OD progressed to other 12 villages in (Vihingo and Manerumango wards) respectively. The project intends to cover the whole district because of good governance, training, team work and continuous capacity building through the operation "TWENDE SAWA" concept. In this regard, DED, DC, head of departments and ward facilitators (WFs) visit the community twice a month with technical support, identify gaps and participate in community activities like block making as participatory approach.



Old and the newly built office of the village leaders.

They also provide certificates and sometimes cash to motivate and recognition for those villages which are doing better than others



Dispensary which is being built by Community members.



Dear Fellow Members,

The JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA) was founded in 1984, the Association serves the purpose of providing a platform that connects all of us together and continues to cultivate and strengthen the relationships of all JICA Alumni in Tanzania. I encourage you to actively participate in the activities organized by JATA which can provide career development, knowledge enrichment, and networking opportunities.

The prime objective of the Association, among other things, is to provide a platform for alumni to enhance interaction and networking, to promote sharing of experience in the professions, not only amongst the JATA, but also with the society through various activities. So, please be active member and help make JATA family stronger by paying your annual membership fee.

Gregory Mlay - Chairman

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Meeting of Executive Committee Members

The Executive Committee Meetings are held throughout the year as stipulated in our JATA Constitution so as to plan, discuss, reschedule and deliberate on carry out activities for the benefit to JICA and JATA. The JICA staffs working in Tanzania office are invited to harmonize and explain on JICA's rules and regulations including projects visits and activities which are conducted in Tanzania. The JICA staff have to share the information about Japanese companies. The unscheduled of meetings and reallocation of budget play a big role to achieve JATA intended goals.

### JICA RETURNEE PROJECT VISIT HELD IN BUNJU 'B' DAR ES SALAAM AT FAY FASHION TANZANIA ON 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Prepared by Ms. Edna Ngerageza



Group photos of JATA members

The group of JATA members visited FAY FASHION premises situated at Bunju B, along Mabwepande road on September 11th, 2020. The host were Mr & Mrs Gregory Mlay who warmly welcomed JATA members.

Members had an opportunity to learn about how leather as raw materials are obtained, the quality of leathers, how to store them and few concepts of how to differentiate natural and synthetic leather from CHINA and other countries. FAY FASHION use different kinds of quality and durable bag parts from Japan. It was understood that the best leather bags made by FAY FASHION TANZANIA are mixture of quality leathers produced in Tanzania and bag parts from Japan. This shows how the firm has maintained business partnership with Japanese industries. However, the bag designer has decided to blend some leather patches and high quality fabric (cloth materials) to bring out the best design for customer's preferences.

### JATA MEMBER MR R. G. MUTAKYAHWA PUBLISHED A BOOK TITLED THE GAME CHANGER – PRESIDENT MAGUFULI'S FIRST TERM IN OFFICE



President Magufuli has presided over five tumultuous years for Tanzania, culminating with the country achieving middle income status five years ahead of plan. The President has initiated and overseen some bold actions. The Julius Nyerere Hydro-power scheme will be the second largest in Africa. The Standard Gauge Railway will not only provide freight transport for the central belt of the country but will enable the landlocked countries which border Tanzania to have access to its deep water port at Dar es Salaam.

After decades of slow progress the capital of the country has in reality been transferred to Dodoma. Corruption has been tackled. Far more, favorable terms have been negotiated for taxes and royalties with the major gold producer. The smuggling of Tanzanite has been curbed. Bold steps have been taken in the face of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

All of this, has been achieved against the background of a very volatile world trading economy, the rise of China as

the major world power, and the increasing insularity of the USA and other western nations. Yet the President has attracted criticism, both at home and abroad,

for his decisive style, his constraint of opposition, his over-ruling of alternative strategies and policies and his refusal to compromise if not in the interests of Tanzanians. It is clearly the right time, at the end of the first five years of his presidency to take stock and to ask both whether he has been a 'game changer' for Tanzania and also what still needs to be done to consolidate the progress which has been made. Such an analysis will help contribute to shape a vision and policies for the future.

For more information visit:

<https://dailynews.co.tz/news/2021-01-146000805ed0602>

### ZONAL MEETING HELD IN MISUNGWI DISTRICT IN MWANZA REGION

Prepared by Mr. Milton Rwegasira

The JATA Zonal Meeting was held in Misungwi District, Mwanza Region on 13th November, 2020 at Graceland Hotel. All Leaders from seven (7) Zones attended to join their fellow members from Lake zone and other invitees.

JATA EXCOM, JATA member (Mr. Okoth) with collaboration with Misungwi District Council and Tanzania Alliance for Sustainable Development group (TASD) on 13th November 2020 held the event of having Zonal activity and Launching JATA Lake zone in Misungwi District as an effort of JATA to bring together JICA alumni and strengthen the association to implement the knowledge acquired from knowledge exchange programs for development of our country.

The visit was honored by the guest of Honor Ms. Upendo Naftal who is the District Community Development Officer on behalf of the District Executive Director of Misungwi District, Mr. Kisena Mabuba.



EXCOM members paid courtesy call to Madam Upendo Naftal - DCDO



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Agricultural Transformation, field water management, rice threshing technology and demonstration was held. Interesting part was that members had chance to learn on the Rice threshing technology, to see the soap making by using local materials (this is the knowledge gained from Japanese), finally they saw how women are designing bags and refreshment nuts by using local materials.



Women group and Mr. Okoth demonstrate their goods

### ZANZIBAR PUBLIC RELATION ACTIVITY HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2020

Zanzibar Public Relation activity was held on 5th December, 2020. The objective of the activity was to assess the likely socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 for the immediate and near-term macro outlook as well as on livelihoods at individual and entrepreneurship for sustainable development of Zanzibar.

The workshop was officiated by, Honorable Dr. Saleh Yusuf Mmemo, Deputy Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Tourist and Heritage on behalf of Hon Lela Mohamed Musa the Minister for Tourist and Heritage.

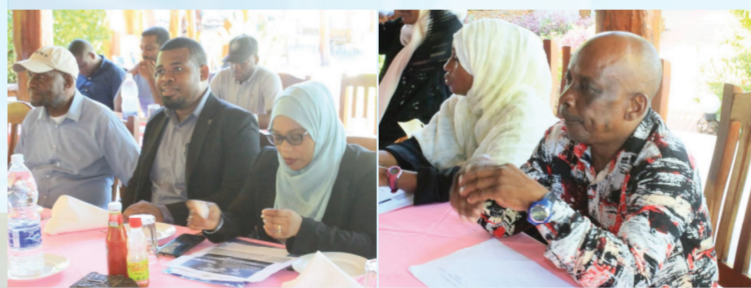


The Guest of Honor Dr. Saleh Yusuf Mmemo (Centre) with JATA Chairperson (Right) Secretary General (Left)



After the visit to Kidimni members visited water factory near Chwaka village, members received the same story of loosing in the market as the fact that their main customers are hotels and it is known that without tourists no business in hotels. All areas visited noted that Covid -19 pandemic disease lower the income from 60 to 70% despite to reduce the workers from duty by more than 60%.

Later, the group moved to Mnarani Cottages at Nungwi village, where we had two presentations about "Encouragement or promotion of small scale entrepreneurship for sustainable development of Zanzibar" presented by Dr. Abdulhamid I. Haji from Small and Micro Industrial Development Agency (SMIDA). The second one on "Creation of awareness on social-economic recovery after corona pandemic in Zanzibar" which was presented by Dr. Huba Khamis Rashid- MD, MSC. Medical Pharmacology.



Dr. Saleh congratulated JATA for having placed the such Association which is very Unique and he also advised JATA to continue on organizing the activities which promotes social economic in our country



Group photo of Executive Committee members with the Guest of Honor

### HOW AFRICAN BUSINESS EDUCATION (ABE) PROGRAM HAS CHANGED MY LIFE AFTER MASTERS DEGREE AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN JAPAN.

Faith Mlay was an African Business Education (ABE) (2nd) second batch student, who was selected to join Ritsumeikan University as a Master Students majored in Economics. After graduation, she got an opportunity to do 6 months' internship with Japanese Bags making Company, located in Kasugai City, Aichi Prefecture. From this Company she learned from scratch all the procedures in making bags and running a business.



When she was approaching internship completion, like other graduates, started thinking how she can utilize properly her knowledge when she goes back to her country, Tanzania. She was lucky to meet various local and international companies that my offer her full-time jobs. But she found that her efforts to draft cover letters and submit applications were half-hearted—she wasn't passionate about any of the positions she was qualified for or the companies that were hiring, as the passion was so much in making bags. She realized that she wanted to spend her time and energy on

her own business. "I don't want to look back 10 years from now regretting not utilizing my knowledge to fulfill my passion and running my own business!" she shares. So, she decided to take a different route—and founded Fay Fashion, a bags making firm in Dar es Sala Tanzania. "After doing some research, I quickly discovered that majority of small and medium business my area have some issue making quality and well-finished products," she explains. "My wh started turning, and I decided that I should use my knowledge experience that I acquired from Japan, to make a difference in industry. Currently, Fay Fashion is dealing with designing and ma Leather handbags, Wallets, Purses, leather backpacks, clutches shoulders bags with the spirit of Japanese quality and efficiency would like to thank the Japanese Government and Japan people that truly helped me for changing my life, by giving me opportunity to see my dream comes reality", she concluded.



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