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MESSAGE FROM THE OUT-GOING CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF JICA TANZANIA OFFICE Mr. NAOFUMI YAMAMURA

Dear JATA Members,

In a very short time of my assignment in Tanzania since March 2019, I have observed with tremendous delight and excitement the efforts which Tanzanians are making to rid themselves of poverty and other challenges facing them.

Since this is my last message as Chief Representative of JICA Tanzania, let me briefly look back at the history of the relationship between JICA and Tanzania and post the same in this Newsletter.

JICA marked the 60th anniversary of its cooperation activities with Tanzania in 2022. Such activities began in 1962, just one year after the independence of Tanganyika, when a single Government Official was accepted for technical training in Japan.

I feel prominently honored and privileged to write this message here since it is our Training Program which marked the commencement of our long – lasting and trustful relationship between JICA and Tanzania which we all witness today.

During the four years of my assignment period in the country, JICA implemented several projects including the construction of Malindi Fish Market and Landing Facilities in Zanzibar, New Bagamoyo Road and Gerezani Bridge in Dar sa Salaam.

Furthermore, JICA started the Next Innovation with Japan Project (NINJA) to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in Tanzania, as well as the promotion of gender equality through a “ladies - focused” athletic event called “Ladies First”.

I am very confident that Tanzania is on the right course of development taking advantage of the prevailing peace and security. Coming back to JATA, I am aware that JATA has conducted many different activities aimed at bringing together all JICA ex-participants as well as promoting the friendship between Japan and Tanzania. I must commend JATA members for these activities and I hope the association will continue conducting even more interesting, attractive and beneficial activities in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing every one of you contribute to the development of the association, not only in terms of participating



in the planned activities but also in supporting the association financially to ensure its sustainability.

The association has more than 4700 members who are drawn from different backgrounds. This membership is by all standards, a huge force to reckon with, and its members can, without any shadow of doubt, come up with new, exciting, and interesting ideas on how to further develop the association, for the benefit of all members. This is a challenge which I throw to all members of the association. Please come up with such ideas!

Having made the above comments, I would like to conclude my message by reminding you that you have a great role to play in contributing to the development of your country by fulfilling your responsibilities in your respective work places by fully utilizing the technology and experiences you obtained from Japan or from other countries under JICA Training programs.

Our doors are always open to you. So please do feel free to bring your thoughts, and let us together develop our relationship further in the coming decades.

ASANTENI SANA.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF JICA TANZANIA OFFICE



After spending a few weeks in Tanzania, I feel greatly honored to write a small message in the 20th edition of the JATA Newsletter. My name is Hitoshi ARA, and I succeeded Mr. Naofumi Yamamura from February this year. I came from JICA Headquarters and was in charge of the South Asia Division and, for that reason, I had very limited opportunities to visit Africa much as I have always loved to. I am therefore more than pleased to come to Africa and particularly to Tanzania, a country which is endowed with immense natural resources and peaceful people!

I am aware that JATA has been conducting many activities aimed at bringing together all JICA ex-participants as well as promoting the friendship between Japan and Tanzania. I expect JATA to continue to be a great platform where all ex-participants gather, share experiences, and broaden their activities. So, I would love to participate in some activities, know more about JATA and its members and participate in their activities.

I wish you a very successful year in your all activities.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



On behalf of the JATA Executive Committee and as Chairman of the JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA), I welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting 2023!

One of our goals is to preserve a mutually beneficial, enduring relationship among the alumni and also with Japan through JICA. As your representatives, we are constantly seeking meaningful ways to embrace your needs by bringing to you various opportunities such as HATUA Project which is a wonderful project initiated by JICA, and unite our efforts in the name of JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA).

I urge you all to become active members of the association and participate in the exciting activities and opportunities this association has to offer. There are a variety of ways you can show appreciation and play your part personally to ensure the association's continued success.

This includes attending events and activities organized annually where we get opportunity to learn and share to others what we know, participating in HATUA projects by sending wonderful proposals according to the guideline to get financial support from JICA, staying connected to each other, and of course, paying your annual fee in order to be an active member of the association.

We are expecting to have our Website that will help us to get more involved with the Alumni Association, read about inspiring alumni accomplishments, find out more about upcoming alumni activities and projects and much more. Wherever you are, at whatever stage of life you are in, there's something here for you.

JATA Executive Committee and I encourage you to share information about JATA to our fellows who are not connected with us yet, as one way to engage with the Alumni Association and maintain your personal connection to the Association.

We are excited about the direction and future of the JICA Alumni Association (JATA) and collaboration with KAKEHASHI, and we look forward to serving and sharing information with you, throughout the year on our WhatsApp groups and social media pages. Choose to support and be connected to the Alumni Association by being an active member.

Thank You!
Gregory Mlay
Chairman, JICA Alumni Association of Tanzania (JATA)

JATA ZONAL MEETING

The meeting was held in Dodoma Capital City on 5th August 2022. This was the second zonal meeting which discusses the issues pertaining the zones. Zonal leaders are the pillar to the zones and JATA executive committee, active members make strong zones. Leaders discussed how to motivate their members to be active and pay their annual subscription fees to the association account or mobile money services.

The discussion involved creation of awareness, share experience from zones with JATA executive committee members. They received last zonal meeting report and discussed matters which arose from that meeting. They received and discussed brief implementation reports from zonal leaders.

Propose ways to improve JATA subscription collection and update JATA Data Base. They also discussed about write-ups, such as developing proposals so that they could utilize the knowledge acquired from Japan and/or to be innovative for community development. Participants were members from six zones, namely from Zanzibar, Southern Highlands, Coast zone, Lake zone, Central and Southern zone.



••• Meeting participants

The meeting was officiated by the Guest of Honor Mr. Linus Kahendaguza from PO-RALG. He appreciated the chance given and congratulated JATA for organizing such a crucial meeting. He wished all the best the eight established zones as a decentralization approach to facilitate smooth implementation of JATA's planned activities. Again, he congratulated JATA for having a Constitution which clearly spells out ways to solve disputes and decision making.

He appreciated JICA support to our country since independence to date through provision of various training programs, loans and grants for socio-economic development like Mfugale Flyover in Dar Es salaam, Malindi Fish market in Zanzibar, O&OD project in Dodoma just few mention.

The best practices by JATA members listed were, Fay fashion leather goods production, Coconut virgin oil production. Proper Hand washing practices in the community. Value addition in bee Cosmetics products. Lishe smart project – young children feeding and caring. All these are ongoing practices that community benefits from.



••• A group photo after the meeting

THE CHALLENGES ON THE INCREASE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE INSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR THE OFFENDERS IN ZANZIBAR.

Since 2014 JATA has been implementing PR seminars every year in Zanzibar, with the aim to gather ex-participants for maintaining ties and to disseminate knowledge gained through different training programs under the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) by carefully choosing the topic based on the social situation of Zanzibar.

Inspired by the Government's efforts in creating the enabling environment for youth empowerment programs, the theme for PR seminar for the year 2022 was "The Challenge of the Large Increase of Youth Crime;" This theme has been selected because of the existing situation in Zanzibar. As a result, the rate of youth imprisonment has increased in the last four years. According to "Chuo cha Mafunzo" Authorities, as of 02 August 2022, there were 1,300 convicted and sentenced prisoners, and 4,000 were held as pre-trial detainees.

Soon after Zanzibar Revolution of 1964, the Prison was changed to "Chuo cha Mafunzo" which stands for the Institution of Education for the offenders.

The meeting brought together 50 participants including JATA members (from Unguja, Pemba, and Tanzania mainland).

While addressing, Ms. Aoki Representative from JICA Tanzania Office, hinted that this year JICA celebrated 60th Anniversary since JICA commenced supporting Tanzanians for training programs under Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP).

She further clarified that, as far as Zanzibar is concerned, JICA was upgrading Malindi Fish landing and Marketing facilities, whose construction was to be completed in January 2023. JICA has long-term program called ABE initiative which is a study abroad program offering Master's Degree and Internship opportunities at Japanese companies.

This year 10 candidates were successfully selected, among them, 2 were from Zanzibar. that this year's theme, namely "The Challenge of the Large Increase of Youth Crime" added value from the KCCP course "Improving Access to Justice to Realize SDG 16". She therefore commended JATA as a strong Association with good solidarity for community development by sharing knowledge obtained under KCCP.



Mr. Gregory Mlay – Chairperson JATA, Commented on the mandate of JATA. He expressed that ex-participants trained through the JICA-training programs have been active in their respective sectors by utilizing their skills acquired in JICA training. In addition, JATA has been established with the aim of maintaining ties as comrades and collaborating across sectors after their return.

On this year's theme, "The Challenge of the Large Increase of Young People in the 'Institution of Education for the offenders' in Zanzibar" participants focused on the main features of the transition to adulthood through determining the factors that influence the advancement of offences, and advocating for the right approaches and transparency to take advantage of increasing opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship. participants focused on the main features of the transition to adulthood through determining the factors that influence the advancement of offences, and advocating for the right approaches and transparency to take advantage of increasing opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship.



He was encouraged to see that JATA continues to signify its relevance by addressing one of the most pressing present-day concern both for the United Republic of Tanzania and the international society. Noting that the society is experiencing an increase in social evils among the youth leading to appalling incidences; and as such the rate of youth imprisonment has increased within the recent years young people live in a rapidly changing world faced with many pressures, disquieting irritations, perplexities and adjustment problems. He appealed to the community to join efforts in supporting the youth in their ambition to be creative, productive and more active citizens, now and in the future.

The presentation highlighted an increasing trend of increased criminology in the community, with an increased number of reported youth criminals, youths under detention and youth in jail for consecutive three years. It further advocates on the ways to interact with the communities to positively educate the youth and support them in skills development through trainings and mentorship to create suitable employment opportunities for the present and future generations.

The paper examines the legal system in the context of resurrection; and to explore whether the handling of young offenders inform the likelihood of future offending.

Two ex-prisoners were invited to share their experiences on account of their respective backgrounds of criminal conviction and serving sentences. Both complained that after prison their family members and people from the community reject and detest them, which make it difficult for them to readjust to life after imprisonment.

They further explained that they feel they do not fit back in the community because everybody knows that they are ex-convicts and therefore they are stereotyped. parents do not want them near their children, because they think that they are capable of influencing their children in a bad way. So they are outcasts in their own community.

The two ex-prisoners protested that their history of criminal convictions and serving sentences has a negative impact on their efforts to counter criminology countrywide.

Each has attempted to establish (register) an association to support and assist the post prisoned people, but they are rejected - simply because of the criminal records they both have. Even when each decided why not start own business, there are still problems such as money to register and to go up and down ... any business need starting capital.

Discussions:

- Major reason suggested was pressure in their social or school life. Children and teenagers are under a lot of pressure to succeed, and committing small crimes can be a way to get some excitement and even feel in control of their life. This is supported by the fact that many children commit pointless crimes like vandalism or shoplifting useless items that are just done for fun.
- The underlying root of the problem is almost always a young person's home life. Irrespective of socio-economic status, if a youth's family environment is chaotic, violent, or simply lacking in attention, then that youth may act out by committing petty crimes in a desperate cry for attention. We have to know that children are not only looked after physically but have their emotional needs has to be taken care of too.
- Another factor may be the general environment that children grow up in nowadays. In other words, the youth of today spend most of their time interacting online, which means a lack of face-to-face interaction with other people, resulting possibly in a lack of empathy for others and so a greater willingness to commit crimes, like vandalism, or shoplifting, which show a lack of respect for other people's property.



••• A visit to Hanyegwa Mchana

The Institute has established agriculture related projects, which basically provide the produce for own consumption and marketing. Currently, under crop husbandry practices there are fruits and vegetable farms; whereas with animal husbandry there is cattle, goats and sheep rearing.

Upon arrival at the site, participants were welcomed by the Institute Officials who took them around the fruits growing farm. Here the Institute occupy around 10 hectares under pawpaw (carica papaya) production both in hybrid and local breeds. Day-to-day farming operations are attended by the inmates (prisoners) as part of practical training so as to impart them with farming techniques and experiences.



••• Presentation on Youth's Criminology in Zanzibar during the workshop at the Institution of Education for the offenders, Kilimani – Zanzibar

POST DEMONSTRATION PROJECT VISIT –KIBAHA

In year 2021, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), conducted project write up proposals for its ex-participants throughout Tanzania mainland and Island, as a follow up program of trainees on different fields while on JICA sponsored training in Japan or third country.

The first prize winner of the innovative ex participant demonstration project and her team has managed to develop a wide range of common shared facilities, whereby small groups and individual business owners have their products processed in respective machines for good quality thus eliminating production of poor products obtained by hand mixing.

Training for production of various products, that the machine they share can produce, managed to the establishment of small/cottage industries like what we visited. The establishment of the small industries as a result of training has managed to prosper with the application of 5S. A home small scale industry for natural cosmetics, honey added and other products like hand liquid wash soap and different types of soap was eye opener to all members. Almost all visiting members managed to purchase different type of products displayed after production because were of high quality and new idea and technology is used to provide service to Tanzanian community.



••• The picture of participants on the display table of products produced through cottage industry



••• Machines used in the production of cosmetics at the cottage industry

Members visited Mtanga Polymachinery Factory where more than 95 machines and equipment are made/manufactured. Mr. Henry Mtanga was a team member in a demonstration project. That's where JICA machines used by Madam Beata in her project for adding value to products were made. Mr. Mtanga presented to visiting members detailed account of machines, products, small entrepreneurs' involvement and marketing.

TANZANIA SMALLHOLDER HORTICULTURE EMPOWERMENT AND PROMOTION (TANSHEP)

JATA (JICA ALUMINI ASSOCIATION OF TANZANIA) every year have the plan to visit JICA Projects implemented in Tanzania or Japanese company operating in Tanzania or other companies supported by JICA to learn and understand various activities and technologies performed by these companies.

In this year, JATA members visited TANSHEP a project supported by JICA and implemented by Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and President Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) with strong facilitation by DADP Horticulture Taskforce members with strong support from District facilitation team.

By visiting the project, members managed to learn various issues with regards to SHEP approach. The approach urge the farmers to starts with "Market Survey" which assist them in realization of the market demands and learned on peak season to produce for high price and so high profit. This information gives Farmers capacity to strategically plan their production scheme to maximize their profit; which includes selection of crop/varieties target quality of crops/harvesting/timing etc.



Group photo after factory visit

Members walked around the factory and observe different machines and equipment and how they work. The workshop/factory is used as a shared facility by demonstration team in training and production of various products.

Visiting members were able to see JICA equipment made by Mtanga factory for demonstration project and now used as shared facilities by all in need. The post demonstration project has a big impact to the community particularly Coast region districts of Kibiti, Mkuranga and Rufiji.

The technology has facilitated middle industrialization and employment for socio-economic growth and poverty eradication.



Participants asking questions after factory visit



Field visit at Ghona village



Factory visit showing oil mixing machine | Milk processing machine

The Government of Tanzania (GOT) and Development Partners (DPs) have been implementing Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP) since 2003/04. In ASDP, each Local Government Authority (LGA) formulates and implements District Agricultural Development Plan (DADP), tailor-made to locality.

The SHEP project was incorporated in DADPS with the aims to further strengthening the capacities of the LGA for formulating and implementing the Horticultural projects by introducing SHEP approach. Currently, most horticultural farmers produce their crops without prior search of market demands. It often results in low selling prices or even massive unsold produce.

Through SHEP, farmer's groups were able to transition to "Market-oriented agriculture" and exposed to numerous opportunities (e.g. introduced to different buyers, suppliers and financial institutions etc.) for improving production plans for higher profit.



••• Courtesy call to the Office of Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) – Kilimanjaro

The Guest of Honor Dr. Emmanuel Lema who represented Kilimanjaro Region Administrative Secretary-RAS, appreciated the way JATA as non-Government organization assist Government to achieve their goals by devote their time most voluntary by implementing several activities within a year which create awareness to the community.

Also he emphasizes that, the Ex participants to disseminate new knowledge obtained from Japan to others in order to fastening middle economy development. Lastly, requested Japan to continue assisting Tanzania to maintain our mutual Friendship.

Then after all presentations the members made a field visit to to Chekereni area located in Moshi District Councils so that JATA members can see and talk to the beneficiaries/farmers of the project. They manage to visit Ghona and Kiterine Villages were farmers deals with horticultural crops like Onions, Egg Plants, Tomatoes and Butter nuts. In addition, members managed to visit one Nursery green house for preparing seeds before transplanting to the big farms.



••• Group photo after Agricultural Sector Development (ASDP) and Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) presentations and discussion



••• The farm visit at Kiterine village -Chekereni in HIMO area

HATUA PROJECT AND ASSESSMENT VISITS.

HATUA project is abbreviated as “Highlighting Action plans from Training-programs Utilizing Authentic ideas” is one of such attempts to make JATA more productive for the members. HATUA project as a new JATA activity from this year call for proposals and enable JATA members to write proposals in both Team and Individual basing on criterion of selection.

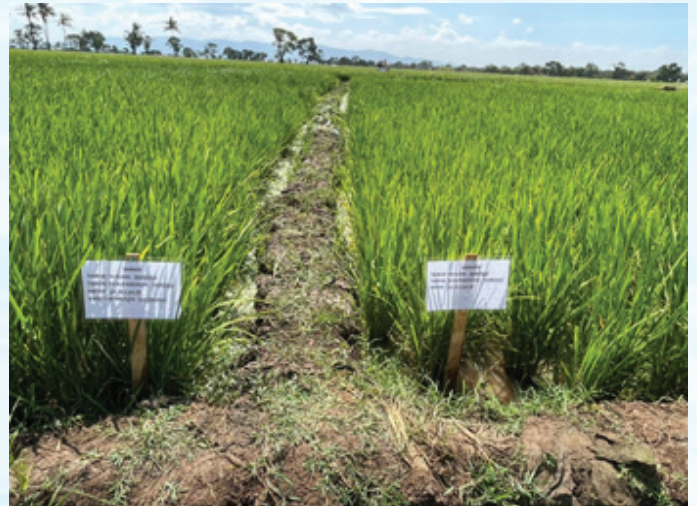
The projects visited for assessment and evaluation were

- i) Management of the salt-affected paddy fields using organic amendments and good agronomic practices.
- ii) Strengthening women economic groups for household socio-economic Development. A Case of Women Economic groups supported by Women Development

Fund (WDF) in Chemba District Council.

On the visit of the paddy field, we observed the following:

- Good results on the subsequent rice growth or rice tillering, and heading will be high compared to the non supported-project paddy field.
- Good record keeping on the seed preparation, field management and transplanting.



••• Paddy field at growth stage

The application of organic materials improves the soil physicochemical properties, combining two approaches with good agronomic practices is identified to work appropriately in combating the effects of the salts within the Mawala Irrigations scheme. Increase accessibility to organic amendment materials from the agricultural communities this demand the farmers and livestock keepers to increase organic amendments supply.



••• Rice plant at maturity stage

Strengthening women economic groups for household socio-economic Development.

On the visit of Kidoka ward in Chemba district, the group leaders were free to express how they have managed to develop group norms/ constitution for their development.



••• Women group leaders, sharing experiences and training

Most women have been trained in how to acquire loan, developing business and to manage it. Number of women in different groups has increased, which means number of households participating in economic activities through women groups has increased.



••• A site visit picture, free range poultry keeping

Eligibility to participate on HATUA Project

- Ex-participants of JICA trainings both short-term and long-term [KCCP/Group Thematic Training, Country Focused Training, Young Leaders, ABE Initiatives (SDGs), Other long-term training programs, Third Country Training Programs]
- Ex-participant proposal that realizes "Action Plans" that can contribute to solve social challenges in Tanzania, and to develop his/her organization by utilizing the knowledge and skills acquired through JICA training programs.
- Ex-participant who is an active member of JATA, and paid an annual subscription fee of this financial year
- Ex-participant that can grant own portrait right to JICA

EMBASSY OF JAPAN CELEBRATED JAPANESE EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY

On 24 Feb, 2023 Japanese Ambassador to Tanzania His Excellence Yasushi Misawa together with invited guests celebrated Japanese Emperor's birthday. Mr. Deogratius Kapalata a graduate from The University of Tokyo-Hongo Campus and ABE Initiative Ex- Participant of third batch (2016-2019) was among invited members who attended the ceremony. His special invitation mounts his business in virgin coconut oil production with relation to the knowledge and skills he obtained from Japan. On the day of ceremony, Mr. Kapalata was given an opportunity to exhibit virgin coconut oil products.

After his return from Japan, Mr. Kapalata, started adding value to coconuts by producing virgin coconut oil. The idea, experience, knowledge and Japanese business culture gained from Japan equipped him to produce better quality products which supplements long and healthy life to users. The virgin coconut oil produced by KPLT traders has multiple uses can be applied such as cooking, skin and hair. The products contain no preservative chemicals.



••• Japanese Ambassador H.E. Yasushi Misawa holding a virgin coconut oil bottle, on his left the founder of KPLT Mr. Deogratius Kapalata



••• Japanese Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Yasushi Misawa, Hon. Dr. Damas Ndubaro Minister of Legal and Constitution and Deogratius Kapalata looking at the virgin coconut oil products

BEST PRACTICE – THE GRAND OPENING OF FAY FASHION SHOWROOM

"There is something rewarding in creating a bespoke product for a customer, especially when that product has been handcrafted using the finest raw materials" Says Gregory Mlay of Fay Fashion Tanzania.

Fay Fashion Company was found by Ms. Faith Mulungu and Mr. Gregory Mlay, ex-participants of ABE Initiative Master's Program. Ms. Faith Mulungu previously worked with Woiso Original Products (WOP), a leather goods Company in Dar es Salaam. Ms. Faith studied Master's Degree in Economics at Ritsumeikan University in Japan.

While in Japan she met Ms. Doi and Mr. Funada who are Leather goods experts in Nagoya City who trained her all the techniques of creating bags, and that was when her journey began. On the other hand, the Co-founder Mr Gregory Mlay was doing his research on Kaizen philosophy in manufacturing industry in Japanese Furniture Companies, Kashiwa Mokko and Yagi Mokko after obtaining his Master's Degree in Information Systems at Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC) in Japan.

Merging the knowledge, skills and experiences gained from their training in Japan, both started a cottage industry, manufacturing leather goods of different kinds such as wallets, handbags, belts, key holders, laptop bags, school bags etc. With the knowledge of marketing their products, after having the first office in Bunju area, they strategically located a showroom in Samora avenue City Centre. H.E Mr. Toshiyuki Nakamura, the Former Vice President and Special Advisor to Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) as the special guest, officiated the Grand Opening of Fay Fashion showroom in Dar Es salaam City centre. From that grand opening, different customers from different countries are flooding in for quality bags made with pure leather with Japanese bags accessories.



••• H.E. Mr. Toshiyuki Nakamura officiates the Grand opening of Fay Fashion Showroom in Samora Avenue



••• Group photo after the official Opening of Fay Fashion City Centre Showroom



••• Group of customers for quality bags.



••• Fay Fashion Tanzania Sabasaba 2nd Winner



Press Release



27 September 2022

JICA Master's Degree in Japan, 2022: 14 Tanzanians leave for Japan Highly motivated young and promising Tanzanian students left for Japan today on 27th September to pursue their Master's Scholarship Program provided by the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), promising to digest their knowledge for the development of the country.

The 14 students will study their Master's Degrees under the "African Business Education Initiative for Youth" (ABE Initiative) and SDGs Global Leaders Program.

Glory Mbiliyi from the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) who goes to International University of Japan (IUJ), pursuing Master's in Business Administration (MBA) wishes to learn about the Japanese Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's), Private Sector at large and Business in Japan and possibly working with Japanese companies during her internship to understand more about their business models and practices. "I want to visit Japanese Industrial areas, Largest Companies (eg. Toyota, Sony) and Tourist attraction areas. If there is an Apex body of private sector in Japan, I wish to meet with their secretariat" she noted.

On his part, Edson Vedasto from Ministry of Finance and Planning who is to pursue Master's of Science in International Cooperation Policy Development Economics at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) also added; "I thank the Government of Japan through JICA for this opportunity to study in Japan because it's a rewarding journey for my career."

Since 2014, 90 Tanzanians have benefitted from the scholarship program, whereby 88 participants have successfully completed the program and returned to Tanzania.

JICA's Chief Representative said during the send-off ceremony that during their stay in Japan, they will have opportunities to learn Japanese experiences of Industrialization, modernization, mechanization and so forth, as well as participating in internship programs at various Japanese companies.

"After their graduation, they will return to Tanzania to build stronger business relations between Tanzania and Japan with deeper impact on the economy of Tanzania," he noted.

Mr. Exavier Daudi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance thanked JICA for the sponsorship, saying that the students will be useful to Tanzania development agenda.

"Through this opportunity your government is optimistic that, once you return from your studies, you are expected to contribute and help develop Tanzania so as to achieve its development initiatives," he told the students.

"What is ABE Initiative?"

The ABE Initiative was launched at the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in Japan in 2013. In reverence of the late former Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo ABE, the Government of Japan so far provided 1,500 youths in Africa with opportunities to study for master's degree at Japanese universities and experience internships at Japanese companies. Through this program Japan aims to strengthen support for the ongoing dynamic growth of Africa with stronger public-private partnerships.

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••• Group photo of the H.E. Japan Ambassador to Tanzania, Jica Chief Representative, Tanzania government officials and students for ABE-Initiative

