JICA UGANDA NEWSLETTER (JULY-OCTOBER 2022)



THE EIGHTH TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICA DEVELOPMENT (TICAD 8)

Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD) is an international conference, which takes place every three years, bringing together African nations, international organizations, private sector, and civil society for the development of Africa. It was launched in 1993 by the Japanese government and has since been organized in collaboration with the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the World Bank.

This year's conference (TICAD 8), themed 'Toward a resilient, inclusive, and prosperous Africa' took place in August, in Tunisia. Japan and African countries (48 African countries including 20 heads of state and government, Japan-AU Parliamentary Friendship League, international organizations, private companies, and civil society organizations participated in the event, both online and in person. Prime Minister Kishida participated in the form of online. Other dignitaries including Foreign Minister Hayashi, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, together with President of the Republic of Tunisia H.E. Mr. Kais Saied, and H.E. Mr. Macky Sall (AU Chair). Among subjects of discussion and focus were green investment, promotion of investment, development finance, public health human resource development, regional stabilization and food security.

Kampala Flyover Project – LOT 1 – The final Lap

Despite the harsh impact of COVID-19 and the challenge that comes with construction of structures in densely populated areas, the iconic Kampala Flyover continues to soar through the horizon of Kampala City. The multi-million USD project is funded by JICA and the Government of Uganda.

Lot-1 of the project involves the construction of a flyover at the Clock Tower, an underpass on Nsambya road and pedestrian bridges at critical sections of the project. It also involves widening of parts of Nsambya and Mukwano Roads and improvements of other connecting junctions as well as the overall improvement of storm drainage that will solve the flooding around the project area.



Currently, the physical progress stands above 73% and it is hoped that by 2023, the Flyover will be substantially complete and partially opened to the public.

JICA HANDSOVER ATARI OFFICE TO MAAIF

JICA Uganda handed over a furnished project office and vehicles (including a tractor) for the Atari Irrigation Technical Cooperation Project (TCP), to the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) on 14th September 2022.

The facility and equipment will improve efficiency and effectiveness of the TCP in Bulambuli and Kween districts.

TCP For Atari Irrigation Scheme Development Commences | Uganda | Countries & Regions | JICA



JICA CHAIR: PROGRAM FOR JAPANESE STUDIES

On 27th July 2022, JICA Uganda in collaboration with Makerere University College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences held the second JICA CHAIR event to enlighten students on rice culture in Uganda while drawing lessons from Japan. Guest speaker was Mr. TSUBOI Tatsushi commonly known as Mr. NERICA who had received a golden jubilee medal from H.E. President of Uganda for his tremendous contribution to the rice sector in Uganda.

Overview | JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese Studies) - JICA Development Studies Program / JICA Chair

WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY 2022

Patient safety is one of the growing public health concerns, regardless of the level of socio-economic development of a country. In a medical setting, various patient harms due to unsafe care are widely reported. This year on 15th September; JICA joined other partners like Ministry of Health (MoH), National Drug Authority (NDA), World Health Organisation (WHO), CHAIN Uganda and SARAYA Uganda, to commemorate World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) under the theme, "Medication Safety". During the event, JICA experts shared information on JICA's support in this area.

JICA in partnership with MoH, is implementing a five-year (2021-2026) "Project on Patient Safety Establishment through 5S-CQI-TQM." This project aims at establishment of a safety culture in all regional referral hospitals in the country. Remarkably, this is the first Patient Safety initiative by JICA in Africa.



TICAD CUP 2022 WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

As part of the activities to promote TICAD 8, JICA Uganda together with Soltilo Bright Stars (SBS), Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA), Terra Renaissance and other partners held the TICAD CUP 2022, a Women's football tournament from 19th to 21st, August 2022 at the FUFA Technical Centre in Nijeru.

The TICAD CUP under the theme 'Women in Sports: Peaceful Co-existence' was aimed at promoting gender equality, empowering all girls and women, and fostering mutual understanding between refugees and host communities, thus involving Pagirinya Young Ladies Sports Club from Pagirinya Refugee Settlement (a mixed team of refugees and host communities) in Adjumani district in Northern Uganda, and 5 other teams

King of Kings SS from Fort Portal took home the TICAD CUP 2022 having emerged winner, beating Taggy High School 4-2 in the finals.



Saving the African Grey Parrots





Iconic species such as the African grey parrots have registered a significant decline and conservationists are worried about their extinction in the wild due to unsustainable trapping and habitat loss. These beautiful birds have been revered as a pet and used as a status symbol by some people because of its brainpower.

JICA has embarked on a joint conservation programme on African grey parrots with UWEC and CHUBU University in Japan to promote wildlife breeding for conservation and commercial purposes, a role that enables the entity to build a healthy and viable animal population as a backup for endangered species for both research and conservation education.

As an emergency intervention, a rescue cage has been constructed to shelter about 110 grey parrots that have been seized. Later, some of these birds will be released into several locations including Ngamba Island and Kibale National Park.

Saving African grey parrots to boost tourism | Monitor

JOCV mid-term activity presentations

Nine JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) had a two-day midterm report presentation about their activities in the fields of agriculture, automobile development and youth activity. The sessions were presided over by the JICA Chief Representative and closed by the first secretary Embassy of Japan.







































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