

JICA UGANDA

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Greetings!



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On behalf of JICA Uganda Office, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for the unwavering cooperation we've had throughout the year.

We send you best wishes of good health, serenity and happiness throughout the New Year 2024.

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In this newsletter you will find:

Project updates, JICA Uganda events and more. Keep Reading!

JICA joins Volunteer Involving Organisations in celebrating the International Volunteer Day



If Everyone Did...

JICA Uganda Office on 5 December 2023, joined other volunteer Involving Organisations in Uganda, including Voluntary Services International (VSO), Uganda Red Cross, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Building Tomorrow, Youth After School Initiative (YASI), United Nations Volunteer Programme (UNV), Peace Corps Uganda, Restless Development, Challenges Worldwide, and World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and AIDS Information Centre Uganda (AIC), in the commemoration of the International Volunteer Day (IVD).

The IVD 2023 was celebrated under the theme, "If Everyone Did", focusing on collective action, and main celebrations were held at the Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology (UICT) in Nakawa, marked by various activities such as community cleaning, blood donation, sports, volunteer voices, exhibitions and awards.

Activities

- Blood donation
- Cleaning of Nakawa market
- A health camp: Free tests for infections such as HIV/AIDS and Syphilis.
- Sports challenge; football matches
- Awarding of certificates by the Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Hon. Nyirabashitsi Sarah Mateke

JOCV Final Presentations

Two JOCV (JICA Volunteers) who completed their assignments in Uganda made final presentations of their activities at their host organisations and JICA Uganda Office.

We appreciate their service to the country.



JICA CHAIR III

The third JICA Chair in September 2023 was held with Makerere University College of Business and Management Sciences (COBAMS), to promote industrial human resource development.

During the session, Prof. Takahashi Motoki, from Kyoto University in Japan, lectured on industrial transformation from the grassroots/informal sector. The lectures and panel discussions were resourceful to the hundreds of students that attended.

JICA & partners hold TICAD Tournament

JICA Uganda, Soltilo Bright Stars, the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA), and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) organized the TICAD CUP 2023, a Women's football tournament, from 1-3 September, to promote women empowerment and peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities.

Attended by dignitaries, it featured teams including those from refugee settlements; Pagirinya in Northern Uganda, Rwamanja in Western Uganda and their host communities.

The tournament included football clinics, emphasizing the role of sports in development. Kawempe Muslim SS emerged winners.



UGANDA INNOVATION WEEK 2023

JICA together with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives launched the Entrepreneur Support and Startup Ecosystem Strengthening Advisory during the recently concluded Uganda innovation week.

The advisory project is expected to commence in February 2024 and aims to offer policy support to MTIC and foster growth level startups in the Ecosystem. The event was attended by government officials, development partners, Startup ecosystem players and private sector. JICA's Startup ecosystem Advisor from Ethiopia shared her country's experience through her keynote address.



UG-JAPAN AGRIBUSINESS TOUR

The Agribusiness study tour was successfully concluded on 8th December 2023.

During a week-long benchmarking mission, senior executives from four Japanese companies had the opportunity of interacting with the senior management of Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and other key stakeholders in Uganda's Agriculture sector.

The Japanese companies will explore possibilities for partnerships with Ugandan companies involved in Agricultural Mechanization and Water for Agricultural Production.



CARD Regional Training



This enriching week-long Coalition for Africa Rice Development (CARD) Regional training was concluded on 9 December 2023.

Through this training, participants were equipped with information on improved rice cultivation technologies and observed activities under the Musomesa Field School (MFS), a farmer-to-farmer extension approach being promoted in Uganda.

CARD regional trainings have over the years been conducted to facilitate technical exchange on rice culture, among countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Road Safety Campaign

Safety is an ongoing responsibility everyone has and owes to themselves.

Ensuring human safety is top priority in the implementation of Official Development Assistance (ODA) construction projects. JICA, in conjunction with its implementing agencies closely cooperate to conduct multifaceted safety management activities such as, safety awareness campaigns, to ensure, not only workplace safety practices, but also protection of human life in the recipient country.

Undertaking such safety campaigns re-emphasizes basic safety practices required on all infrastructure projects to ensure public safety.

One therefore, needs to stay safe around construction sites, and must adhere to the construction safety guidelines and practices to avoid potential accidents.



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