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JICA's New President

On 1 April, Dr. Akihiko TANAKA assumed presidency of JICA, taking over from Dr. Shinichi KITAOKA. In his first message as President, Dr. TANAKA stated that he fully intends to carry forward JICA's longstanding tradition of working hand in hand with people of partner countries in order to realize JICA's vision of "Leading the world with trust."

TICAD 8

This year, TICAD 8 will take place on 27 & 28 August and will be hosted by the Republic of Tunisia. Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), is an international conference on the theme of development in Africa. The first conference (TICAD I) was held in 1993 under the leadership of the Japanese government. Since then, TICAD has been organized in collaboration with UN, UNDP, AUC and the World Bank.



JICA Rises to the Challenge

Note from the Resident Representative

Dear Reader,

I am pleased to announce the first publication of JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter as we shine the light on JICA activities in Zimbabwe. This comes at a time when we have seen devastating effects of COVID-19. Yet in the midst of this tragedy and despite the difficult times, JICA continues to work with the Zimbabwean people and to support the Zimbabwean Government to achieve long term sustainable development. It is heartwarming to see the strong and cordial

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partnerships we have with different Government ministries and departments and the various counterparts in foreign missions and organisations in Zimbabwe. This has made execution of our work easier and helps in fostering mutual relationships between the people of Zimbabwe and Japan. It is my hope that through the newsletters, everyone gets to know more about JICA.

Regards,
Kyosuke KAWAZUMI

April 26 - 30, JICA Zimbabwe exhibited at the 2022 ZITF and I had the privilege to teach origami and interact with visitors at the JICA stand.

set the stage >>>

JICA Sets the Stage for Career Development!

JICA promotes career development through its short term and long term training program called Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP).



Charity Chipako

Ms. Chipako who left the country on 7 May and is scheduled to return 29 September 2022, is participating in the Market Oriented Agriculture Promotion for Extension

KCCP short term training participant in Japan

Ms. Charity Chipako became the first Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) short term training participant to go to Japan in two years, following the restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Officers course, targeted at strengthening overall knowledge and techniques essential for Extension Officers who promote Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) approach. "When I return I will be an agricultural agent equipped with all the necessary skills to change the lives of poor farmers for the better, through farming as a business."



Sabina Baut (left) and Nevaïd Dzimunya

Here is to studying and staying in Japan

Following a 7 month stint of remote learning, the 2021 JICA Zimbabwe beneficiaries of the Masters ABE Initiative and KIZUNA Phd fully supported scholarships, Sabina Baut and Nevaïd Dzimunya arrived in Japan on April 13. In Japan, they are continuing with face to face lessons as well as participating in internship programs at Japanese companies.



From April 8 to May 10, Zimbabwe Electoral Commission Officials A. Musasa, S. Magagani and M. Gambe participated in an Electoral Management for Democratic Countries online course which aimed at co-creating knowledge on credible electoral management.



From May 26 to June 30, five people from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Development attended a Road Maintenance online course which capacitates participants to contribute to the improvement of the management and maintenance system to ensure smooth and safe traffic flows in Zimbabwe.

Reminiscing on 30 years of sustainable change

In May, we celebrated the longest serving National Staff, Mrs. Faith Musuka, who has been with JICA for 30 years. We thank her for her excellent service over the years, (1) providing administrative support, (2) facilitating Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (training and scholarships) where thousands of people have passed through her hands and (3) ensuring successful implementation of projects in the agriculture and health sectors.

"Working for JICA has been amazing, not only because of the experience and professional growth I have gained, but mostly because I have had the privilege to witness JICA changing the lives of many forever. For instance:

✚ Knowledge is power and no one can take it away from you. JICA has over the years empowered thousands of people to gain knowledge through training in various fields in Japan and third countries. These people have gone on to occupy high offices and contribute to sound policy making.

✚ I won't forget how lives of many children have been saved through the construction of the paediatric facilities at the Harare Central Hospital as well as the donations of medical equipment at Mpilo and Harare Central hospitals; or how families look forward to a better tomorrow because they now have assured income and livelihoods have improved through JICA's programs like Nyakomba Irrigation Development and the SHEP project.



Faith Musuka

JICA Volunteer Section joins Hands with Ministries

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program which to date has seen 560 volunteers being dispatched to Zimbabwe has been commended for promoting human capital skills development at institutions of Higher and Tertiary education.



Students go through their building lesson at Kaguvi Vocational Centre which is anticipating to receive a JOCV in Building

In June, the Volunteers section conducted a joint needs assessment tour with officials from the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Arts and Recreation. The tour was held to assess the capacity of interested youth development institutions to host JOCVs over a two year period. Upon successful deployment to Zimbabwe, the JOCVs will play a crucial role in youth vocational skills development. The areas toured include Harare, Ruwa,

Mt. Hampden, Mutare, Masvingo, Mutoko, Bulawayo and Gweru. The team also toured the National University of Science and Technology to discuss the possibility of facilitating the deployment of JOCVs to the institution. This will enhance the achievement of the Innovation 5.0 in the field of Science and Technology since Japan is renowned for its Industrial and Technological advancement.

Furthermore, the team together with the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education Innovation, Science, and Technology Development, conducted joint Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the JOCV program. The M&E exercise was aimed at appraising the Ministry on the activities of the JOCVs in the host organisations, assist in the creation of a standard operating procedure, gauge the significance of the program, ascertain the progress made and the challenges faced and help come up with recommendations to improve the program. The exercise was conducted at Morgan Zintech Teachers' College in Harare, Mkoba Teachers' College in Gweru and Bulawayo Polytechnic.



In May, JICA handed over the final report for the "Promoting Geospatial Data Utilization Including Data Update by Science, Technology and Innovation in the Republic of Zimbabwe" project to the Department of the Surveyor General. Under this project, JICA Experts capacitated DSG to update geospatial information with Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and to plot the action plan for the development of the Geospatial Sharing platform.

Signing on the dotted line...

Following the completion of Phase 1 for the Project for the Road improvement of the Northern Part of the North-South Corridor, JICA continues to work with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development on the preparatory survey for Phase 2. In June 2022, the minutes of discussion for Phase 2 of the project were signed.

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Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking time to read JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to find out more about our activities and / or if you have any queries / suggestions regarding our newsletter. We value your feedback and your support.

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5S - KAIZEN - TQM Phase 1: It's a wrap!

The implementation of the first phase of the 5S - KAIZEN - TQM project which ran in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Child Care's Department of Quality Assurance, from May 2016 to May 2022 was successfully completed. The project was aimed at improving the working environment, reducing the patient waiting time, increasing patient satisfaction, improving waste segregation and reducing incidences of medication expiring before use, etc. The next phase kicked off in May, and will run up to the year 2026.