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*“Japan - partner growing  
together with Africa”*



The Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8) held in Tunisia on August 27 and 28, 2022 and with representatives from over 40 African countries participating, was a resounding success. At the conference, H.E. Mr. Fumio KISHIDA, Prime Minister of Japan, stated that Japan will as a “partner growing together with Africa” contribute to African Development through Japan’s distinctive approach that focuses on “people.” Japan will invest US\$30 billion as the sum of public and private financial contribution over the next three years to rapidly advance Japan-Africa relations and with an emphasis on “investment in people” and “quality of growth.”

*Watch this space for  
JICA’s African Cooperation!*

## JICA Towards a Resilient, Inclusive & Prosperous Africa

*Note from the Resident Representative*

Dear Reader,

I welcome you to read another publication of our JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter.

The highlight for us in this quarter has been TICAD8 held in August.

The TICAD process is of grave importance as it shapes the direction of Japan’s development assistance for Africa.

It is a platform where African challenges are heard and decisions are made for solutions that allow for African ownership, inclusive growth and a sustainable Africa.

TICAD8 came at such a pivotal time when Africa is facing the effects of harsh realities like COVID-19, the Russia-Ukraine war, climate change etc. and

**JICA  
leading the  
world with trust**

JICA is looking to build forward better, as we move towards a resilient, inclusive and prosperous Africa. Given the abundant mineral, touristic, agricultural and human resources in the country, we are focusing on the potential of

Zimbabwe and capacity development of its people in order to support sustainable growth and to strengthen the business relationship between Zimbabwe & Japan.

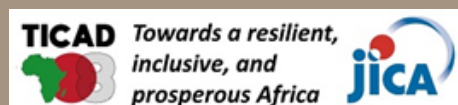
Regards,  
Kyosuke KAWAZUMI

set the stage >>>

## Japan setting the stage for African Development

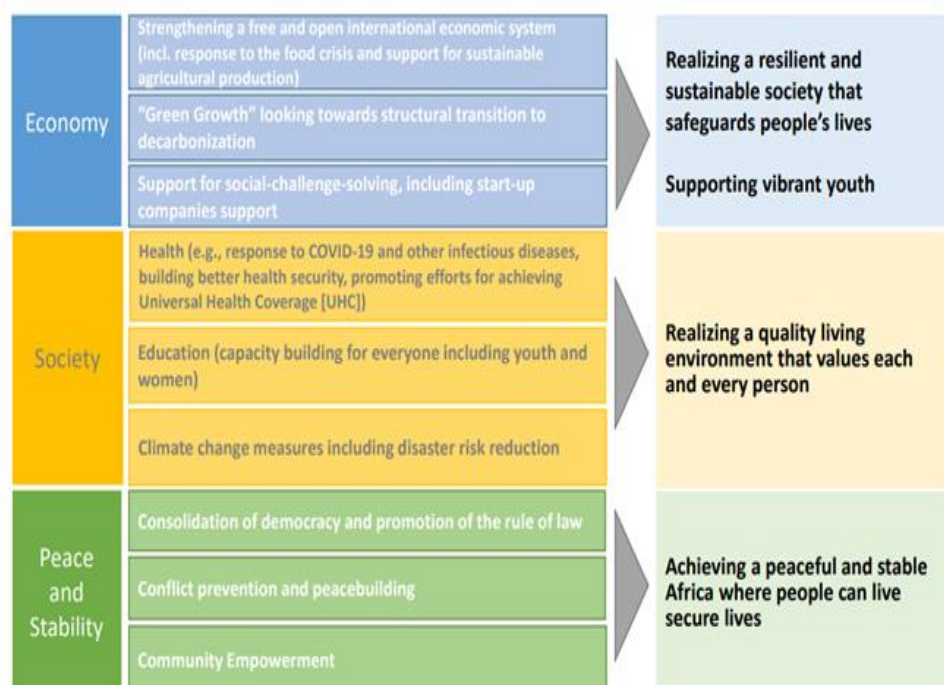
The result of the TICAD8 Process was the adoption of the “TICAD8 Tunis Declaration” which is premised on 3 pillars as follows:

- 1 The economy: Realizing structural transformation for sustainable economic growth and social development.
- 2 The Society: Realizing a resilient and sustainable society.
- 3 Peace and Stability: Realizing Sustainable Peace and Stability.



## TICAD8: Japan's Contributions for Africa

As a “partner for mutual growth,” Japan will contribute through Japan’s distinctive approach that focuses on people. The public and private sectors will together make financial contribution of US\$ 30 billion over the next three years to rapidly advance Japan-Africa relations.



Results from TICAD8



September 27, Ms. Tarisai Chinyemba from the Department of Surveyor General travelled to Japan to attend the course “Planning and Management of National Mapping and Surveying,” slated for September 28 to December 16. We hope that she will gain new knowledge and perspective on the good management of geospatial information.



September 19-21, JICA Zim Procurement Officers attended the hybrid ‘Regional Procurement Seminar for Africa 2022’ held in Uganda. 18 countries participated, with participants visiting JICA Uganda project sites and attending 2 day interactive sessions aimed at improving procurement at JICA and facilitating networking between officers from the different countries.

## JICA for Capacity Building

Japan aims to build reciprocal relationships with developing countries, whereby both sides learn from each other, and in turn grow and develop together.

One of JICA’s key areas of cooperation is **human resources development** through its Knowledge Co-Creation Program which provides fully sponsored short term training courses and Master’s and PhD scholarships. This quarter, we were elated to bid farewell to beneficiaries of JICA’s KCCP who left for their studies in Japan.

From September 6, recipients of the Master’s and PhD scholarships left for Japan and these are:

### ABE Scholarship

1. Mr. Takunda Mafoti, Masters’ Degree in Global Business and Management Studies, Doshisha University
2. Ms. Peula Chinyangarara, Masters’ Degree in International Relations, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

### AgriNet Scholarship

3. Mr. Mutsa Muhambi, PhD in Agricultural Science – Global Dryland Science, Tottori University

### KIZUNA Scholarship

4. Mr. Eugene Gota, Masters’ Degree in Resources Production and Safety Engineering, Kyushu University
5. Mr. Adrian Binala, Masters’ Degree in Mining Engineering, Hokkaido University



From left seated: Takunda Mafoti, Peula Chinyangarara, Mutsa Muhambi  
From left standing: Andrea Zhou (Program Officer), Adrian Binala, Kyosuke Kawazumi (Resident Representative), Eugene Gota, Faith Musuka (Program Officer)



*Investing in people....*

*Investing in knowledge....*

*Yields the best interest....*

*Japan promotes its initiatives with approaches quintessentially Japanese, focusing on "people."*



Agnes Dube

## Learning by practice in Japan

Agnes Dube participated in the JICA KCCP short course "Nutrition Improvement Through Agriculture" in Japan and Madagascar from July 2-22 2017. Upon returning to Zimbabwe, she implemented the "work with what communities have" approach, and realised that communities were faced with drought, climate change and soils that did not allow for optimal production. Following the short course and application of what she learnt, a hunger was birthed in her on how nutrition can be improved in the face of realities. Thus, she went back to Japan for a Masters' program (Oct 2020 - Sep 2022) at Tottori University, an opportunity afforded to her through JICA's AgriNet scholarship. There, she learnt ways to improve crop productivity for people who produce under semi-arid to arid conditions.

## 10 years post training in Japan



Beven Moyo

In 2012, Bevan Moyo, a Lecturer by profession, was privileged to attend a JICA KCCP course, "Improving Teaching Methods in Science and Mathematics in Primary Education" in Japan. He sums the past 10 years with the words, 'exciting growth and remarkable innovation' as he managed to apply and to share the knowledge, experiences and skills he learnt in Japan. In 2012 (Sep to Dec) and 2013 (Jan and Feb) he participated in primary school workshops in Beitbridge and in 2013 he was promoted to lectureship at the Joshua M. Nkomo Polytechnic. At the polytechnic, not only has he managed to produce electronic teaching gadgets but he has managed to assist many students to innovate electronic gadgets that have been exhibited and in some cases won awards at different platforms like the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) and the Africa Expo.

## JICA for enhanced health facilities, employee satisfaction and patient satisfaction



Monica Chirinzepi and Mthandazo Mabanga

Dr. Mthandazo Mabanga and Ms. Monica Chirinzepi from Gwanda Hospital and Sally Mugabe Hospital respectively attended the KCCP online course on Quality Improvement of Health Services through KAIZEN Approach, from August 29 to September 3. Under this course and through practical case studies, they learnt how to apply the 5S-KAIZEN-TQM approach, problem identification and analysis, and ways to continuously improve hospital management, quality management and healthcare services in the face of the different constraints they encounter.

## 'Maintaining what is obtained'

JICA has over the past two decades promoted agricultural and infrastructural development through projects like the Nyakomba Irrigation Development and ZIM-SHEP. In support of such developments and through the KCCP online course "Maintenance, Operation and Management of Irrigation Facilities," JICA is training and strengthening the capacity of administrative and technical officials involved in agricultural and irrigation projects to:

- ◆ Appropriately maintain, operate and manage irrigation facilities.
- ◆ Make effective use of limited resources in a sustainable manner.
- ◆ Improve planning and implementation of legal systems, operation management systems and technology transfer to farmers for enhanced agricultural productivity.

Mr. Christopher Mhlope from the Department of Irrigation, along with participants from Belize, Egypt, Iran, Mozambique and Nepal attended the online course which ran from August 29 to September 28. Having completed the course, the participants will produce reports on how they will apply the knowledge and ideas acquired and discussed in the program to their on-going activities.



Christopher Mhlope



Nyakomba Irrigation



## New Volunteers for JICA Zim



From left: Takuya Shimada, Ikuko Seki, Reiji Masuda, Tsubasa Adachi

July 26, JICA Zim welcomed 4 new Volunteers. They spent their first month in Harare for orientation and local language training. Following this, they were dispatched to their assignment places as follows:

❑ Ms. Tsubasa ADACHI

PC Instructor at Kushinga Phikelela Polytechnic in Marondera

❑ Mr. Takuya SHIMADA

Soccer at Bindura University of Science Education in Bindura

❑ Ms. Ikuko SEKI

Physical Education at Mkoba Teachers' College in Gweru

❑ Mr. Reiji MASUDA

Judo at Judo Association of Zimbabwe in Harare

### *JOCV program bringing valuable skills transfer at Mkoba Teachers' College*

Mkoba Teachers' College (MTC) acting Principal, Mr. Martin Mukwazhe hailed the JOCV program for bringing a remarkable transfer of skills to the college, as well as fostering cultural linkages and staff development through holding workshops. Since 2020, MTC has received three volunteers from Japan in the fields of Physical Education and Information Communication Technology.

The principal further described the volunteers as exhibiting a high sense of integrity, hard working, dedicated, team players, highly professional, disciplined and result oriented. He added that their work ethic is outstanding and is being infused into the college's students. The clarion call from both JICA and the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development has been for more institutions of higher learning to request for volunteers in various fields that include education, sports, science and technology, in the quest to realize Education 5.0 vision.



Risa Tomita, ICT Volunteer at MTC



Risa Tomita and Martin Mukwazhe

## JOCVs imparting Japanese culture and knowledge

The deployment of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) has seen students benefit immensely, according to Bulawayo Polytechnic School of Hospitality and Tourism, Head of Department Mr. Cephas Chikwira. He described JICA volunteers as being disciplined and committed to their work.

The Bulawayo Polytech has received four tourism and hospitality volunteers since the introduction of the program in Zimbabwe in 1989. Currently the Polytech is hosting Mr. Daiki Shigetani who has developed a guest satisfaction survey for the School of Hospitality and Tourism's Hotel, St Patrick's. This has led to improvements in student studies and running of the hotel, which is an incubation hub for student development. Moreover, he has imparted the Japanese way of life as well as expertise in culinary arts and international hotel management trends. The JOCV program is also beneficial to the volunteers as they get to adopt to Zimbabwean culture and traditions, thereby effecting cultural exchange.



JOCVs and their Counterparts experience Zimbabwean tourism in Matopos



Daiki Shigetani conducting a lecture at Bulawayo School of Hospitality and Tourism



# JICA's SHEP project results in increased farmers' yield and in turn improved farmers' livelihoods

The Project for Zimbabwe Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (ZIM-SHEP) has been effective in raising smallholder farmer incomes from horticulture production. The SHEP approach changes farmer's mindset from "Grow and Sell" to "Grow to Sell" through conducting market surveys by farmers themselves, establishing business linkages between farmers and service providers, and promoting gender equity.



Farmer's yield ready for the market

The project has already benefited 12 districts in 4 provinces, over 2000 farmers in 13 irrigation schemes and over 30 Extension Officers at Provincial and District levels and is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> batch in Mashonaland West and Masvingo Provinces. Site selection was done in May and the ZIM-SHEP team went on to rollout sensitization workshops in June and Gender mainstreaming training in July.

The Gender mainstreaming training encompassed a Training of Trainers (TOT), and in addition the ZIM-SHEP team backstopped frontline extension

staff as they trained the targeted farmers. The gender mainstreaming training focused on strategies farming households may use to effectively allocate and utilize limited resources and time in order to increase their income, as well as imparting the importance of working together as a unit, making joint decisions and practising self-reliant farming.

As a result, the training contributed to shifting farmer mind-sets from the general assumption that the gender training was advocating for equal rights, to an understating of the importance of reviewing traditional gender roles. For instance, by allocating more time on productive roles and reducing the burden on reproductive roles, thereby leading to improved livelihoods.

The farmers understood that as couples, they should:

- have a shared goal of increasing income,
- work together to achieve the shared goal,
- plan the household budget together,
- share roles both in the agricultural field and in the household,
- have equal opportunities in management of the farming business and
- find solutions to improve farm productivity and profitability.

The farmers appreciated the eye-opening training and promised to continue with the exercises at a household level.



July 19, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chirundu Joint Steering Committee Meeting for the "Project for Capacity Development for Smooth Operation of OSBPs on the North South Transport Corridor" was held in Zambia. Participants included members of the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority, the Zambia Revenue Authority, the JICA OSBP Team, and JICA Zimbabwe Representatives. The Overall Goal of this project is to enhance trade on the North-South Corridor through the facilitation of targeted OSBPs, with beneficiary countries including Botswana, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

## Harnessing local resources for economic benefit



Some of the artefacts being crafted at Tengenenge attract the International Market

JICA together with the Ministry of Environment, Climate, Tourism and Hospitality Industry (MECTHI) is working with communities to derive economic benefit from the tourist attractions in their locality. Through the Community Based Tourism (CBT) Project, JICA and MECTHI are engaged in a technical cooperation project where locals are equipped with skills encompassing tourguiding, marketing, bookkeeping and tourism. The project is being implemented at four CBT pilot sites and these are the Tengenenge Arts and Culture Centre in Mvurwi, Chesvingo Village in Masvingo, Gairezi Ecotourism Project in Inyanga and the Heritage sites in Bulawayo.

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Thank you for taking time to read JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter.

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