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JICA's Pursuit for Quality Health Services

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Introducing the new Resident Representative

Note from the Resident Representative

Dear Reader,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Resident Representative of JICA Zimbabwe. With over 30 years of experience working for JICA, I have had the privilege of contributing to various areas, including human resources, organizational policies and management, operation and strategy, program evaluation, and volunteer programs. While my regional experience has preliminary been in South Asia, I have always aspired to be involved in Africa. Hence, I am thrilled to be assigned here in Zimbabwe. Having spent a month in this remarkable

country, I have been impressed by its great potential. Zimbabwe boasts of diligent people and a resourceful nature that is truly inspiring. Despite the challenges that the Zimbabwean people have faced, I firmly believe that there is vast potential waiting to be harnessed. It is my sincere conviction that by working together with the JICA team and our counterparts, we can unleash this potential and contribute to the pursuit of quality growth, human security, and sustainable development in Zimbabwe.

Regards,

Shigeki FURUTA

set the stage >>>

JICA and DRSS in talks over NERICA JOCV



DRSS Rice Breeder Mrs. Nomisa Chizhande shows JICA's JOCV Coordinators part of the demonstration and development field where NERICA rice is being grown for breeding purposes.

As prospects of growing NERICA rice in Zimbabwe become a reality, JICA has engaged the Department of Research and Specialist Services (DRSS) over the possibility of facilitating the deployment of a Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) to the department. JICA's JOCV section recently held talks with the DRSS which falls under the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, and a consensus was reached that the deployment of a JOCV will help in the training of farmers to grow the NERICA rice breed across the country. The gesture of deploying a JOCV for NERICA is to complement efforts being undertaken by JICA and the Government of Zimbabwe to grow the NERICA rice breed on a large scale in Zimbabwe.

JICA held the Quality Awareness kick-off Seminar for 5S Project

The "Quality Improvement of Health Services through 5S-Kaizen-TQM Approach" project continues to make big strides as JICA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) held a quality awareness kick-off seminar on May 5, 2023. The seminar provided an encouraging boost to the over 60 health officials attending as they got to witness the positive transformation the approach has brought to 4 hospitals whose results were presented.

Speaking on Japan's comprehensive support for continued improvement of Zimbabwe's health system, the Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, His Excellency, Mr. Satoshi Tanaka highlighted that Japan is providing over 6 million US dollars' worth of new state of the art medical and hospital equipment to hospitals in Zimbabwe. The JICA Resident Representative, Mr. Shigeki Furuta reiterated this support by pledging commitment from JICA to work together with the Zimbabwean government and all stakeholders to overcome challenges faced in the health sector and to achieve the project objectives.

Also addressing the seminar, the Deputy Minister of MoHCC, Dr. Chamunorwa Mangwiro referred to quality assurance and improvement as the Ministry's hope and lifeline in the face of today's challenges. He encouraged all the participants to put people and not conditions at the centre of health care, and to renew their commitment to doing better in order to achieve universal coverage and strong health systems.



JICA Expert, Mr. Miyamoto presenting on the basic concept of 5S-Kaizen-TQM Approach

The efforts of health officials and JICA experts towards the realization of the 5S-Kaizen-TQM Approach and the achievement of quality health care services is commendable, and we eagerly wait to see the impact of the project as it continues to roll-out.

Fifth Chirundu OSBP Joint Steering Committee Meeting Successfully Held

On 16 June 2023, JICA One Stop Border Post (OSBP) team had their fifth Joint Steering Committee (JSC) meeting. The meeting was attended by Zambia Revenue Authority officials (ZRA), Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) officials, Ministry of Industry and Commerce from both countries and the JICA Zimbabwe Staff.

The meeting agenda included:

- (i) Progress and upcoming activities of the project,
- (ii) Results of the Chirundu Time Measurement Survey and
- (iii) The feedback from the third country training that happened in East Africa.



Participants of the JCC Meeting

The meeting started off with the Acting Commissioner of ZIMRA, Mr. Swaress giving his opening remarks. He highlighted the importance of this project such as the positive impact it has on ensuring smooth trade facilitation and traffic flows at the border.

The Resident Representative of JICA Zimbabwe Mr. Furuta closed the meeting by stating that "The tireless initiatives undertaken by the JICA team and government officials, such as the Time Measurement Surveys and Base Community Sensitization Workshops, not only offer avenues for system improvement, but also promote the local communities' understanding about the numerous benefits of the OSBP."

Training in Japan

JICA continues to develop capacities of human resources through the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP).

June 6 to June 24, Ms. Sekai Chipise attended the Electoral Management in Democratic Countries at JICA Tokyo Center in Japan.



May 10 to May 27, 2023, Mrs. Philipa Rwambiwa, Mr. Simbarashe Petro, Ms. Evelyn Ndoro and Mr. Leonard Munamati attended the Market Oriented Agriculture Promotion (Planning and Management) training in Japan.



June 14 to July 26, Ms. Evelyn Tatire is attending the Maintenance, Operation and Management of Irrigation Facilities course in Japan.

On 7 June, JICA consultants alongside the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development (MOTID) engineers presented the summary for soft component training in traffic safety for the project of the road improvement of the Northern Part of the North-South Corridor (Phase 2).

The meeting started off by opening remarks from the MOTID Director of Planning and Design, Eng. Michael who appreciated the support of JICA and the consultants for arranging such training to the ministry. The purpose of this soft component was to assist the government to: (i) Reduce Accidents by 25%, (ii) Promote Knowledge of Road Engineering Deficiencies and (iii) Eliminate Fundamental problems regarding Road Safety.



Officials at the soft component presentation

The JICA Resident Representative Mr. Furuta stated that, the collective efforts will not only contribute significantly to improving regional integration, but also enhance the traffic safety capacity of engineers and promote safer driving conditions for road users.

In closing, the MOTID Chief Director of Roads, Eng. Jana appreciated the support JICA has given them and congratulated the MOTID team for partaking in the training. He also emphasized that the Government of Japan and the Government of Zimbabwe should continue to exchange views and knowledge because these relations are a good part of Infrastructural development. continues to develop capacities of human resources through the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP).

Did You Know?

JICA aims for human resources development and capacity building for everyone, including the women and youth through training people in fields like health, education, agriculture, industry justice and administration.

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& Poverty Alleviation....

⚾ Baseball gaining popularity amongst school children ⚾



Coach Yusuke Takehara giving instructions to youngsters in Harare

The sport of baseball is slowly gaining popularity in the country's schools thanks to the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) baseball coaches who are working with local baseball associations that are affiliated with the Zimbabwe Baseball Association. It is refreshing to note that the sport is not only being patronized by the boy children only, but the girl children have also claimed their spot.

Sport has been identified as one of the key measures to fight against drug and substance abuse, and the participation of school going

children goes a long way in the efforts to fight the scourge of drugs and alcohol. The JOCVs are playing a huge role in promoting the sport, fighting against drug and substance abuse, nurturing young talent, and keeping the children physically fit. The cooperation between Zimbabwe and Japan has now extended beyond diplomatic and economic ties to also contributing to the development of sport and wellbeing of children.



Coach Yuya Yamaguchi imparting baseball tactics in Mutare

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📖 Kushinga Phikelela lecturers receive AutoCAD training



AutoCAD JOCV, Tsubasa Adachi assists lecturers at Kushinga Phikelela

Lecturers at Kushinga Phikelela Polytechnic on the outskirts of Marondera received basic AutoCAD skills training from Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer, Ms. Tsubasa Adachi. Ms. Adachi has been volunteering at Kushinga for the past year teaching AutoCAD to the college's students. The training was aimed at equipping the polytechnic's lecturers with a basic understanding of AutoCAD as part of their staff development.

📖 We can be better!

Project for Quality Improvement of Health Service Through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach (ZIM-QIPS)

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We Can Be Better!

Participants of the 1st Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting

2nd STAGE OF THE PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON

On 2nd of May 2022, the government of the Republic of Zimbabwe launched the **Project for Quality Improvement of Health Service Through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach (ZIM-QIPS)** in the collaboration with JICA. The objective of ZIM-QIPS is "Capacity on hospital management of target hospitals is strengthened under the supervision by MOHCC", which is composed of two-stages.

On the 1st stage was a preparatory phase. The project conducted baseline survey to analyze the current situation about quality improvement activities in 10 Provincial Health Executives (PHEs), 6 Central Hospitals, and 8 Provincial Hospitals. Based on the survey results, the stakeholder team inclusive of MOHCC representatives and JICA revised the project framework as described in the table on the right. This new trajectory was officially announced during the 1st JCC meeting on 16th of January, 2023.

Project Title	Project for Quality Improvement of Health Service Through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach
Target	10 Provincial Health Executives (PHEs), 6 Central Hospitals, and 8 Provincial Hospitals
Project Goal	Capacity on hospital management of target hospitals is strengthened under the supervision by MOHCC
Project Purpose	Capacity on hospital management of target hospitals is strengthened under the supervision by MOHCC
Output 1	The capacity of QIPs (Diagnostic and Preoperative) is strengthened to contribute to improve 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach
Output 2	5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach is introduced to the target hospitals
Output 3	Target hospitals to contribute to improve 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach

Enter stage 2, this about implementation. Starting in May 2023, a host of 1) trainings to target hospitals and PHEs on 5S and Kaizen 2) monitoring and supervision and 3) experience sharing will be game changing activities. This will be equally exciting!

JICA is strengthening capacity of hospital management, building resilient health systems and improving health services in 14 hospitals through the Project for Quality Improvement of Health Service Through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach. We invite you to read the first issue of the project newsletter and adopt the KAIZEN-MIND to achieve excellence and be better!

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