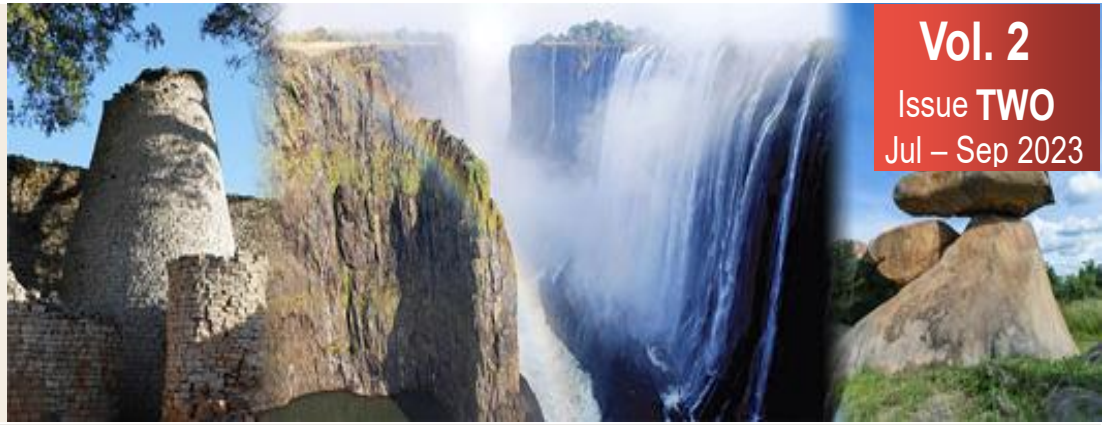




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An Insight into JICA Zimbabwe Activities

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our highlights for this quarter >>>

JOCVs Transform the Youth in Zim

TICAD @ 30

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. In this issue of JICA Zimbabwe Newsletter, we share the characteristics of JICA's cooperation as we celebrate 30 years of TICAD.

- JICA's cooperation is focused on people.
- Africa's ownership is the core of JICA's cooperation, and we are creating the future together with Africa.
- Utilizing the Japanese experience and lessons learned from development.



JOCVs Risa Tomita and Ikuko Seki transforming ICT and PE at Mkoba Teachers College in Gweru

Find out more on JICA's cooperation:

<https://www.facebook.com/jicapreng/videos/230275286167486>

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/to pics/2023/20230823_01.html

Five media houses toured communities and colleges where Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) are assigned in Gweru, Bulawayo and Harare. The beneficiaries of our volunteer program attested to JICA volunteers contributing to closing the skills gap; knowledge and cultural transfer; innovations in training and across different educational and sporting disciplines; and inclusive development that promotes goodwill and international understanding.

Read more on the outcomes of the media tour:

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/local-news/article/200014714/japanese-volunteer-programme-transforms-youths-in-zim>

<https://dailynews.co.zw/colleges-call-for-more-japanese-volunteers/>

<https://www.herald.co.zw/zim-japan-deepen-education-ties/amp/>



Preps for the “Strengthening Regional Power System of Southern African Power Pool” project underway!



JICA and SAPP Experts sign the Minutes of Meeting

JICA continues to make strides in assisting Zimbabwe and the region in sustainable development. On September 27, JICA HQ and Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) signed the Minutes of Meeting for the project “Strengthening Regional Power System of Southern African Power Pool”.

The project will be a regional cooperation and will include the 12 Member countries of SAPP. The project aims at achieving the following 3 outputs:

- Strengthening the power pool.
- Development of Power Station and Interconnectors.
- Improvement of system operation and market operation.

The project will begin implementation in 2024.

The project for Quality Improvement of Health Service through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach continues on its mission to elevate healthcare quality



The project successfully conducted the 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Basic Training in Mutare, empowering 41 healthcare professionals to make a significant impact, contributing to enhanced healthcare services using the 5S. The participants were from the Ministry of Health and Child Care, central hospitals, provincial hospitals, and Provincial Health Executives.



Ms. Shamiso Muzvarwandoga, one of the participants and Regional Therapist Midlands Provincial Health Executive, shared her impressions: “I have realized that there is still much we can do for quality improvement of healthcare service in Zimbabwe by utilizing available resources. The 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach is the effective tool for our quality improvement activities. This training opened my eyes.”



Participants at the training

Fun Fact!

JICA is conducting preliminary research on Zimbabwe’s Start-up ecosystem, for the possible introduction of the Next Innovation with Japan (NINJA) project in Zimbabwe. NINJA works on multifaceted support for entrepreneurs who take on the challenge of solving social issues in developing countries. NINJA’s support includes entrepreneurship development activities, business matching, promotion of venture/impact investment, and policy recommendations to strengthen the ecosystem. Additionally, through the project, JICA continues to innovate with the entrepreneurs in the developing countries to co-create sustainable and prosperous economies and societies.

JICA for capacity development >>>

Training in Japan

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

JICA Zimbabwe continues to promote knowledge co-creation through fully sponsored Masters' Degree and PhD scholarships.

The 2023 beneficiaries are:

- Mr. Savemore Ngirazi, AGRINET Scholarship
PHD in Science of Bioresource Production/Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production, Kagoshima University
- Mr. Trymore Musariri, ABE Scholarship
MBA Program at the Graduate School of International Management, International University of Japan.
- Ms. Moreblessing Mudzamiri, KIZUNA Scholarship
PHD in Engineering, Mineral Processing and Resource Recycling, Hokkaido University
- Ms. Praise Mhishi, SDG Scholarship
Master's Degree in International Public Policy Program, International University of Japan
- Ms. Florence Gundidza, SDG Scholarship
PHD in Engineering, Nagoya Institute of Technology



The 2023 recipients of JICA Scholarships

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JICA Zim Welcomes new JOCV

In July, JICA Zim welcomed a new volunteer, Mr. Shingo Tada, who studied and researched regional tourism in developing countries at graduate school. Mr. Tada is attached to Mutare Polytechnic as an instructor in the Division of Applied Sciences, Department of Hospitality and Tourism. He is providing educational support and guidance for tourism business to students and teachers to develop their knowledge on regional tourism development.

During his two year volunteer period, he hopes to contribute to Zimbabwe's socio-economic development, tourism, and academia through working with the local people, students, tourism and hospitality stakeholders and the government.



JOCV, Mr. Shino Tada

Catching up with KCCP Participant....



Mr. Kajengo with other KCCP Participants in Japan

"Japan has so far been my home away from home. I must say that, with all honesty, of all the countries I visited to date Japanese people are the most hospitable," said Mr Kajengo.

Mr Nyasha Kajengo attended the KCCP Course "Power Grid Planning and Operation" in Japan from August 28, - September 15. Mr Kajengo thoroughly enjoyed the course and stated that it had been valuable and important. "I learnt a lot, from the Japanese social life and power system planning. Japan has a bigger electricity grid compared to Zimbabwe and the Japanese electricity system planning and operation is top notch," he said.