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Introducing “Quality Infrastructure” Using ICT to African Embassies

3rd City Tour in 2016

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in cooperation with the Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)* held “City Tour” for African embassies in Tokyo. Twenty Ambassadors and officials from 13 countries participated in the City Tour under the theme of “Quality Infrastructure” using ICT to establish the relationships with African countries.

*Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) was established in September 2016, based on “Leaders’ Statement for Promoting High Quality Infrastructure Investment” adopted at “Africa-Japan Public-Private Infrastructure Conference (on August 26th-27th, 2016)” held in the “6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI).” Currently, 133 private companies and organizations are the members of JAIDA.

1. Date: Wednesday, November 16th, 2016
2. Hosts: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (co-host)
3. Participants: Twenty participants from 13 countries (mentioned in underline were the countries which ambassadors and/or high rank officials participated.)
Republic of Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Djibouti, Arabic Republic of Egypt, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Malawi, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Zambia

4. Summary

At the beginning of City Tour, overall use of ICT for construction site (i-Construction) promoted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism was explained. In addition, infrastructure systems and examples in overseas countries were introduced by Tokyo Rope, a member company of JAIDA.

At Komatsu IoT Center, they explained Smart Construction, construction machine and drone. They also demonstrated advanced ICT construction machine and drone survey. Ambassadors and officials took test ride of ICT construction machine and showed high interests to Japan’s technology.

At demonstration facility of Hitachi, power saving water and sewage system, simulation of public transportation demand and walk-through type finger vein authentication were introduced and they actively exchanged opinions with the Ambassadors and officials.

After the site visit, Ambassadors and officials discussed with JAIDA members. Parliamentary Secretary Ohno stated to continue the promotion for understanding Japan’s infrastructural technologies and flexible correspondence to the needs of each African country. JAIDA President

Miyamoto addressed to establish further relationships with the African embassies for realizing “Quality Infrastructure Investment.” On behalf of the participants, Ambassador of Uganda Akech-Okullo expressed his evaluations to Japan’s advanced technologies and expectation to strengthen the relationships in future.



1 <Presentation>



2 <Demonstration of Drone Survey>



3 <Test Ride of ICT Construction Machine>

* Test ride was done in private property considering safety.



4 <Group Photo of Ambassadors>



5 <Discussion with Parliamentary Secretary Ohno>



6 <Opening Remarks by JAIDA President Miyamoto>

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