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## **State Minister Suematsu's Visit to Uganda and Zambia**

“Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference” and  
“Zambia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference”

Based on the achievement of TICAD VI\*, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu visited the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zambia on January 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the achievement of TICAD VI, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu visited the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zambia with the member companies of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Association and held High Quality Infrastructure Conference in cooperation with their governments for promoting the understanding of Japan's “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and supporting the business expansion of Japanese infrastructure-related companies.

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu made opening speeches (opening remarks) as the organizer of “Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference” and “Zambia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference.” Through talks with the governments of Uganda and Zambia, we announced that we will contribute to the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and continue cooperation with the ministers in charge of infrastructure development. We signed the Memorandum of Cooperation for Promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship, and agreed to launch “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue,” which will be a forum for regular exchange of opinions among stakeholders.

In the Republic of Uganda, we conducted sales activities for the Japanese companies to receive orders of Kampala flyover construction and road upgrading.

The summary of the visit to the Republic of Uganda is in Attachment 1, and the summary of the visit to the Republic of Zambia is in Attachment 2.

\*(Note) TICAD is an abbreviation for Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which is an international conference on the theme of African development. Since 1993, it has been led by the Government of Japan and has been held jointly with the United Nations, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC) and the World Bank. The 6<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) was held in Nairobi, Kenya on August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The conference was held in

Africa for the first time. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe from Japan attended and co-chaired with. President of the Republic of Kenya Kenyatta (host country) and President of Chad Idriss Déby Itno (AU Chair).

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## 1. Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (January 9<sup>th</sup>)

(1) Date: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

(2) Location: Hotel Africana, Kampala, Republic of Uganda

(3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
(Uganda) Ministry of Works and Transport

(4) Participants: Approximately 280 people from both countries

(Main participants from Japan) Approximately 60 people from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (State Minister Suematsu, Assistant Vice-Minister of Minister's Secretariat Mugishima, Counsellor of Minister's Secretariat Mori), Embassy of Japan in Uganda (Ambassador Kameda), JICA Uganda Office (Chief Representative Kawasumi), Japanese companies (23 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies and manufacturers, etc.)

(Main participants from Uganda) Prime Minister Rugunda, Minister of Works and Transport Azuba, State Minister of Transport Bagiire, Ambassador of Uganda to Japan Okullo, Ugandan infrastructure-related companies, etc.

(5) Summary:

### I. Opening Speech (Opening Remarks)

At the beginning of the conference, Prime Minister Rugunda, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu, Minister of Works and Transport Azuba, President of Fujita Corporation Okumura as the representative of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association, State Minister of Transport Bagiire, and Ambassador Kameda made remarks.

<Summary of the Remarks by State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu>

“In TICAD VI, Prime Minister Abe had a meeting with President Museveni and he expressed our intension to promote Japanese companies business in Uganda. President Museveni requested cooperation in infrastructure development as one of the important areas of bilateral relations. We are very pleased to be able to hold High Quality Infrastructure Conference based on the achievement of the summit meeting. Uganda, a landlocked country, is expected to grow significantly due to the development of transportation infrastructure. There is also an urgent need to take measures against traffic congestion in Kampala. “Quality of Infrastructure” is important when responding to infrastructure demand. Today's conference is attended by 23 Japanese companies, who will share our world's top-class efforts including bridge steel that does not require painting, quick and efficient road paving technology, and signal systems that respond to traffic volume. We expect that both countries, known for their friendly nationality and sharing virtues, will build further cooperation in the field of infrastructure.”



Opening Ceremony of Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference with Prime Minister Rugunda



Opening Speech by State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu (Opening Remarks)

After the opening speech (opening remarks), a keynote speech, signing ceremony, company session (company presentation), workshop and business matching were held.

## II. Keynote Speech

In the keynote speech, Counsellor of Minister's Secretariat Mori made a presentation on "Japan's High Quality Infrastructure," and Director of Ministry of Works and Transport Bagonza made a presentation on "Infrastructure Development in Uganda." Chief Representative of JICA Uganda Office Kawasumi made a presentation on "JICA's Cooperation Program in Uganda," and Uganda National Roads Authority made a presentation on "Ongoing/Future Projects and Challenges in Uganda."

## III. Signing Ceremony (signing and adaptation of Memorandum of Cooperation for Promotion of "Quality Infrastructure Investment" and Continuing Cooperative Relationship)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu signed and adopted Memorandum of Cooperation for Promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with Minister of Works and Transport Azuba. In the memorandum, we agreed to continue dialogue after the “Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference,” and launch “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” for exchanging opinions on a regular basis in order to promote “Quality Infrastructure Investment.” In addition, three Japanese infrastructure-related companies also signed a memorandum of cooperation in infrastructure sector with Uganda National Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (UNABCEC).



Signing Ceremony (State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu and Minister of Works and Transport Azuba)



Signing Ceremony (Japanese Companies and UNABCEC)

#### IV. Company Session (Company Presentation)

In the company session, representatives of 23 Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association) and Uganda National Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (UNABCEC), etc. made presentations on their examples of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and technologies.

#### V. Workshop

The workshop was held and divided into four themes: “Cooperation in Construction Industry,” “Urban Transportation and Road Maintenance,” “Roads and Bridge with Life-Cycle Cost,” and “Cutting-Edge Technology for Quality Infrastructure” in response to the interests of participants. After presentations from Japanese and Ugandan companies, lively questions and answers and exchanges of opinions took place.

#### V. Business Matching

Japanese companies were divided into individual booths and interviewed with interested Ugandan companies. Through active information exchange, Japanese companies built relationships with Ugandan companies that could be partners.



Representatives of Japan and  
the Republic of Uganda



Business Matching

## **2. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of the Republic of Uganda (January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)**

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu had a meeting with Prime Minister Rugunda and Minister of Works and Transport Azuba. We agreed to strengthen the cooperative relationship to promote investment in “Quality Infrastructure” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also exchanged opinions on various infrastructure projects such as traffic congestion measures and road maintenance in Kampala City, and carried out sales activities for Japanese companies to receive orders of the Kampala flyover construction and road improvement. In addition, he introduced Japan's infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association) accompanied him.

Prime Minister Rugunda welcomed the Japanese delegation and explained the importance of road maintenance in Kampala and capacity building. He expressed his gratitude for Japan's support and expectations for cooperation.

Minister of Works and Transport Azuba was pleased with the success of conference and expressed his expectations for Japan. Based on the signed memorandum, we confirmed to hold “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” in April as a follow-up to the conference.

## **3. Others (January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)**

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu attended a reception for networking with the ministers of African countries and the managers of Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association). He also visited the site of Japan's priority projects for Uganda, such as the Queensway substation project, and Kampala flyover construction and road improvement project.



Bilateral Meeting with Prime Minister Rugunda

## 1. Zambia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (January 12<sup>th</sup>)

- (1) Date: Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- (2) Location: Intercontinental Hotel, Lusaka, Republic of Zambia
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
(Zambia) Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Works and Supply
- (4) Participants: Approximately 380 people from both countries  
(Main Participants from Japan) Approximately 60 people from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (State Minister Suematsu, Assistant Vice-Minister of Minister's Secretariat Mugishima, Counsellor of Minister's Secretariat Mori), Embassy of Japan in Zambia (Ambassador Sobashima), JICA Zambia Office (Chief Representative Noda), Japanese companies (19 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies and manufacturers, etc.)  
(Main Participants from Zambia) Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela, Minister of Communication and Transport Mushimba, Zambian infrastructure-related companies, etc.

### (5) Summary:

#### I. Opening Speech (Opening Remarks)

At the beginning of the conference, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu, President of Fujita Corporation Okumura as the representative of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association, and Ambassador Sidejima made remarks.

<Summary of the Remarks by State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu>

“As stated in “National Vision 2030” and “Sixth National Development Plan,” infrastructure development is an important issue for the Zambian government. Zambia, a landlocked country, is expected to grow significantly due to the development of transportation infrastructure linking the Nacala Corridor that connects neighboring countries and regions such as Nacala Port in Mozambique and Malawi, and as a logistics hub in the Central Africa region. “Quality of Infrastructure” is important when responding to infrastructure demand. Today's conference is attended by 19 Japanese companies, who will share our world's top-class efforts. Today's conference is the first step in deepening the understanding of quality infrastructure and kicking off to further strengthen economic relations between the two countries. We hope that mutual understanding between the two countries will be promoted and that business relations will further develop.”





Opening Speech by State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu (Opening Remarks)

After the opening speech (opening remarks), a keynote speech, company session (company presentation), signing ceremony, workshop and business matching were held.

## II. Keynote Speech

In the keynote speech, Counsellor of Minister’s Secretariat Mori made a presentation on “Japan’s High Quality Infrastructure,” and Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development Mushota made a presentation on “Infrastructure Development in Zambia.” Chief Representative of JICA Zambia Office Noda made a presentation on “JICA’s Cooperation Program in Zambia,” and Director of Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development Sakala made a presentation on “Overview of Public-Private Partnership.”



Keynote Speech



Representatives of Japan and the Republic of Zambia

## III. Company Session (Company Presentation)

In the company session, representatives of 19 Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association) made presentations on their examples of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and technologies.

#### IV. Signing Ceremony (signing and adaptation of Memorandum of Cooperation for Promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu signed and adopted Memorandum of Cooperation for Promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela. In the memorandum, we agreed to continue dialogue after the “Zambia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference,” and launch “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” for exchanging opinions on a regular basis in order to promote “Quality Infrastructure Investment.” In addition, three Japanese infrastructure-related companies also signed a memorandum of cooperation in infrastructure sector with National Council for Construction (NCC) of Zambia.



Signing Ceremony (State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu and Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela)



Signing Ceremony  
(Japanese Companies and NCC of Zambia)

#### V. Workshop

The workshop was held and divided into four themes: “Cooperation in Construction Industry,” “Quality Infrastructure Design,” “Road and Bridge with Life-Cycle Cost,” and “Cutting-Edge Technology for Quality Infrastructure” in response to the interests of participants. After presentations from Japanese and Zambian companies, lively questions and answers and exchanges of opinions took place.

#### V. Business Matching

Japanese companies were divided into individual booths and interviewed with interested Zambian companies. Through active information exchange, Japanese companies built relationships with Zambian companies that could be partners.

## 2. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of the Republic of Zambia (January 13<sup>th</sup>)

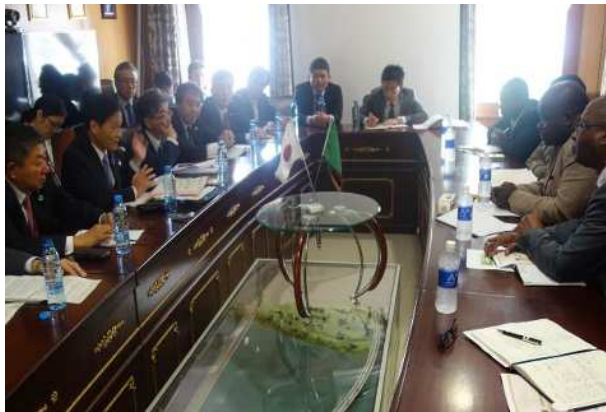
State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu had a meeting with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela and Minister of Works and Supply Nkhuwa. We agreed to strengthen the cooperative relationship to promote investment in “Quality Infrastructure” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also exchanged views on various infrastructure projects such as road maintenance and hospital construction. In addition, he introduced Japan's infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association) accompanied him.

Minister of Works and Supply Nkhuwa welcomed the Japanese delegation and explained the current situation of infrastructure in Zambia (all sectors including road infrastructure, electricity, housing need further development). He expressed his gratitude for Japan's support and expectations for cooperation.

Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela was pleased with the success of conference and expressed his expectations for Japan. Based on the signed memorandum, we confirmed to hold “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” in April as a follow-up to the conference.

## 3. Others (January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu attended a reception for networking with the ministers of African countries and the managers of Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association). He also visited the sites exemplifying Japan's quality infrastructure in Uganda, such as the Inner Ring Road (Tokyo Way), and a hospital in Lusaka District. At the hospital, Minister of Health Chilufya welcomed the Japanese delegation.



Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela and Minister of Works and Supply Nkhuwa



Visit to Hospital in Lusaka District with Minister of Health Chilufya