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**Introducing Japan's "Quality Infrastructure"
to the African Embassies in Tokyo
in Cooperation with Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association
1st City Tour in FY2017**

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in cooperation with the Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)* held the "City Tour" for the 2nd time for the Ambassadors and officials of African embassies in Tokyo, to introduce Japan's "Quality Infrastructure" and establish the relationships with African countries. Japan's traffic signaling system and flood-control measures in urban area were introduced to 24 Ambassadors and officials from 15 countries.

*Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) is a public-private joint association established in September 2016, based on "Leaders' Statement for Promoting High Quality Infrastructure Investment" adopted at "Africa-Japan Public-Private for High Quality Infrastructure Conference" held in the "6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI)." Currently, 142 private companies and organizations are the members of JAIDA.

1. Date: Thursday, May 18th, 2017
2. Hosts: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (co-host)
3. Participants: 24 participants from 15 countries (mentioned in underline were the countries which ambassadors and/or high rank officials participated.)
Republic of Angola, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Ghana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Zambia, Republic of Djibouti, Republic of Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Malawi, Republic of Mali, Republic of South Africa, Republic of Liberia, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Rwanda
4. Summary: Please see the attachment.

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1. Site Visit: Kuki Plant of Nippon Signal Co., Ltd. (Kuki City, Saitama Pref.)

We visited Kuki Plant of Nippon Signal, a member of JAIDA, to see the production site of advanced signaling system. They presented that the optimal control of traffic signal is one of the potential solutions for traffic congestion in each city.



<Remarks by President of Nippon Signal Tsukamoto>



<Demonstration of Traffic Signal>

2. Site Visit: Outer Metropolitan Floodway (Kasukabe City, Saitama Pref.)

We visited one of the world's largest underground floodway (Outer Metropolitan Floodway) called as "Underground Parthenon." They presented that metropolitan area is protected from flood damages by this facility which utilizes various Japan's civil engineering technologies.



<Group Photo at Outer Metropolitan Floodway>



<Visit to Outer Metropolitan Floodway>

3. Discussion with the Ambassadors of African countries and JAIDA Members

As opening remarks, Parliamentary Secretary Ohno addressed that it would be appreciated if the participants share the results of today's site visit with their home countries and use this experience as a hint for infrastructure development in future.

JAIDA President Miyamoto stated that he realized the high interests to Japan's technical capability through the High-Quality Infrastructure Conference in Ghana, and Japan would like to contribute to the development of each country with the concept of "Quality and Empowerment (human resource development)."

On behalf of the participants, Ambassador of Burkina Faso François Oubida, expressed his gratitude for the City Tour and expectations for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and JAIDA as engines to lead the business expansion of Japanese companies in Africa for strengthening the relationships between Japan and Africa in the field of infrastructure.



<Opening Remarks by Parliamentary Secretary Ohno>



<Opening Remarks by JAIDA President Miyamoto>