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State Minister Suematsu's Visit to Madagascar and Mauritius

Madagascar-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu visited the Republic of Madagascar and the Republic of Mauritius on July 22nd-27th based on the achievement of TICAD VI.

Republic of Madagascar (see [Attachment 1](#) for the meeting details)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu visited the Republic of Madagascar with approximately 70 people from 31 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) member companies, which totals 80 people from both public and private sectors, and held High Quality Infrastructure Conference in cooperation with the government of Madagascar for promoting Japan's "Quality Infrastructure Investment" based on the achievement of TICAD VI (6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development).

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu made an opening speech (opening remarks) as the organizer of "Madagascar-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference" (July 24th). Through the meetings with the Malagasy government ministers, he expressed Japan's contribution for the promotion of "Quality Infrastructure Investment" in Madagascar and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting "Quality Infrastructure Investment" and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with four Ministers in charge of infrastructure development and agreed to launch "Quality Infrastructure Dialogue" as a framework for exchanging opinions on a regular basis. We also conducted sales activities for the Japanese ODA loan "Toamasina Port Development Project."

Republic of Mauritius (see [Attachment 2](#) for the meeting details)

In Mauritius, the State Minister had a meeting with Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport Bodha (July 26th) and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting "Quality Infrastructure Investment" and Continuing Cooperative Relationship for working together on the development of "Quality Infrastructure" in Mauritius and other African countries. We agreed to further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries.

(Note) TICAD is an abbreviation for Tokyo International Conference on African Development, which is an international conference on the theme of development in Africa. TICAD VI was held in Nairobi, Kenya on

August 27th-28th, 2016 and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended and co-chaired the conference with President of Kenya Kenyatta (host country) and President of the Republic of Chad Déby Itno (AU Chairperson). At the time of TICAD VI, President Rajaonarimampianina and Prime Minister Abe held a summit meeting and exchanged opinions on cooperation in infrastructure investment.

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1. Madagascar-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (July 24th)

- (1) Date: Monday, July 24th, 2017
- (2) Location: Centre de Conférence International Ivato (CCI Ivato), Antananarivo, Republic of Madagascar
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
(Madagascar) Ministry in charge of the Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment
- (4) Participants: Approximately 350 people from both countries
(Main participants from Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (State Minister Suematsu, Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki), Embassy of Japan in Madagascar (Ambassador Ogasawara), Japanese companies (31 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies, manufacturers, etc.) and others
(Main participants from Madagascar) Minister in charge of the Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment Rafidimanana, Minister of Transport and Meteorology Ramanantsoa, Minister of Public Works Razafimandimby, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Rasoloelison and others
- (5) Summary:
 - I. Opening Speech (Opening Remarks)
At the beginning of the conference, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu, JAIDA President Miyamoto, Ambassador Ogasawara, Minister to the Presidency in Charge of Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment Rafidimanana made remarks.

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

“We’re very pleased to be able to hold the High Quality Infrastructure Conference based on the achievement of TICAD VI. In Madagascar, Toamasina Port, the country’s largest port, is expected to continue to increase the volume of cargo handled, and there is an urgent need to expand and improve the facilities. In addition to ports, there are various demands for infrastructure such as roads, water and sewage systems in the country. “Quality of Infrastructure” is important when responding to infrastructure demand. Today's conference is attended by 31 Japanese companies, who will share advanced technologies and construction methods including environmentally friendly dredging technology, seawall construction in harsh waves, berth construction using steel pipe sheet piles that can ensure high strength, quick and efficient road paving technology, tunnel and bridge construction technology in difficult soil and geographical conditions, etc. We expect that we can contribute to the future infrastructure development in Madagascar.”



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

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

II. Keynote speech

In the keynote speech, Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki made a presentation on “Japan's Quality Infrastructure,” and Chief Executive Director of the Overseas Construction Association of Japan, Inc. Yamaguchi made a presentation on “Overseas Activities of the Japanese Construction Industry.” The Malagasy ministries (Ministry in charge of the Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Transport and Meteorology, and Ministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons) made presentations on “Infrastructure Development in Madagascar.”

III. Signing Ceremony of Memorandum (signing of Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu signed and adopted the Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with Minister to the Presidency in Charge of Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment Rafidimanana, Minister of Transport and Meteorology Ramanantsoa, Minister of Public Works Razafimandimby, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Rasoloelison. In the memorandum, we agreed to continue dialogue after the “Madagascar-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference,” and launch “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” for exchanging opinions on a regular basis in order to promote “Quality Infrastructure Investment.”



<Signing Ceremony>

(State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu and
Four Ministers of Malagasy Government)

IV. Workshop

The workshop was held and divided into themes of “Construction Technology,” and “Port and Harbor.” After presentations from Japanese and Malagasy companies, lively questions and answers and exchanges of opinions took place.



<Workshop>

V. Business Matching

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



<Business Matching>

2. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of the Republic of Madagascar (July 24th and 25th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu had a meeting with President Rajaonarimampianina and four Ministers in charge of infrastructure (Minister to the Presidency in Charge of Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment Rafidimanana, Minister of Transport and Meteorology Ramanantsoa, Minister of Public Works Razafimandimby, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Rasoloelison) and agreed to strengthen the cooperative relationship to promote investment in “Quality Infrastructure” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also conducted sales activities for the Japanese companies to receive orders of the Japanese ODA loan “Toamasina Port Development Project” and exchanged opinions on various infrastructure project such as traffic congestion countermeasures and road development in Antananarivo City. In addition, we introduced the accompanying Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association).

President Rajaonarimampianina welcomed the Japanese delegation and explained about the National Route 7 Bypass and the ODA loan “Toamasina Port Development Project” constructed by Japanese companies. He expressed his appreciation for Japan's support and expectations for cooperation.

Minister to the Presidency in Charge of Presidential Projects, Territory Planning and Equipment Rafidimanana, Minister of Transport and Meteorology Ramanantsoa, Minister of Public Works Razafimandimby, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons Rasoloelison were pleased with the success

of the conference and explained the current situation and potential of Madagascar. They stated that they would like to improve infrastructure and financial credibility, and establish a position as a country that connects Asia and Africa. Based on the signed memorandum, we confirmed to hold “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue” in January next year as a follow-up to the conference.



<Courtesy Call on President Rajaonarimampianina>

3. Others (July 23rd and 25th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu had a meeting with Director General of Port of Toamasina Eddy and visited the sites of Japan's priority support projects for Madagascar, such as the Ambatovy Nickel Refinery Plant and the National Route 7 Bypass, etc.



<Meeting with Director General of Port of Toamasina Eddy>



<Visit to Toamasina Port>



<Visit to Ambatovy Nickel Refinery Plant >

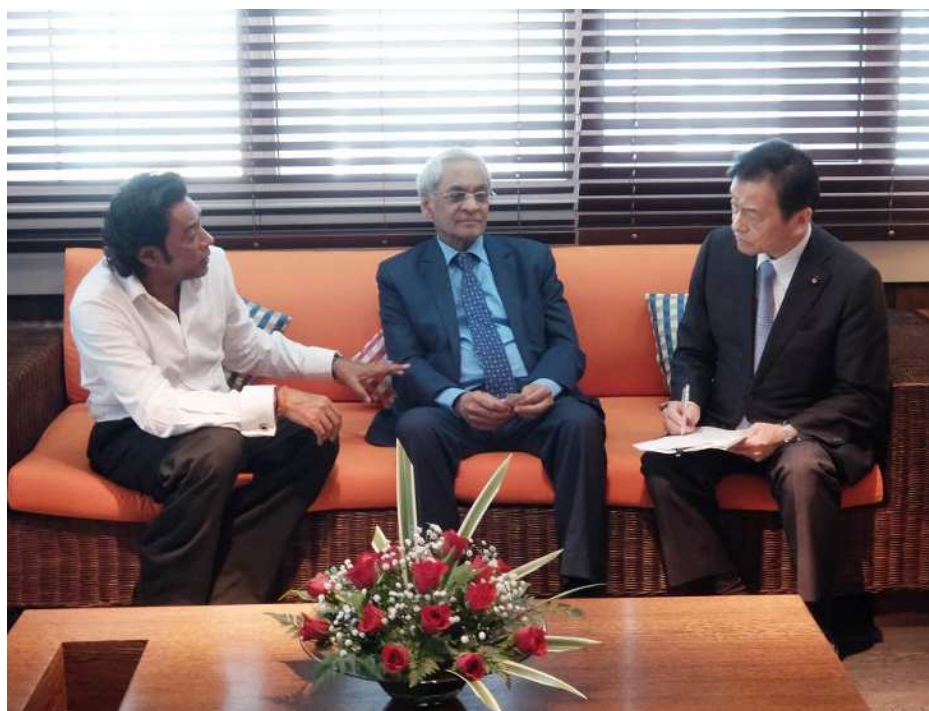


<Visit to National Route 7 Bypass>

1. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of the Republic of Mauritius (July 26th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu had a meeting with Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport Bodha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Lutchmeenaraidoo, and Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping Koonjoo and 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 project such as the implementation of feasibility study for constructing bridges. In addition, we introduced the accompanying Japanese infrastructure-related companies (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association).

Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport Bodha was pleased with the success of the meeting and explained the investment promotion for the development of the surrounding area of the terminal in the LRT (Light Rail Transit) Construction Project. Based on the signed memorandum, we confirmed to deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries for working together on the development of “Quality Infrastructure” in Mauritius and other African countries.



<Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport Bodha>

(The center is Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade Lutchmeenaraidoo.)

2. Business Matching Seminar in Mauritius Board of Investment (BOI) (July 26th)

BOI hosted a business matching seminar for Mauritius companies interested in infrastructure development projects and Japanese companies. Through active information exchange, Japanese companies built relationships with Mauritian companies that could be partners.



<Business Matching>

3. Other (July 26th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu visited the site of Japan's quality infrastructure in Mauritius, such as the weather radar system (Shimizu Corporation).



<Visit to Weather Radar System>