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“1st Anniversary Ceremony of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)”

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held the “1st Anniversary Ceremony of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)” on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017. There were approximately 140 people from more than 90 member companies and organizations participated in the ceremony.

In the ceremony, we summarized the activities of JAIDA for one year and confirmed that we will enhance the activities in preparation for the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) scheduled for 2019.

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism established “Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)” consisted of Japanese infrastructure-related companies in September 2016 taking the opportunity of the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) held in August 2016. We have been actively disseminating information on the technologies and experiences that support Japan’s “Quality Infrastructure” to African countries, as well as building relationships and promoting communication between the public and private sectors of partner countries. To commemorate the 1st anniversary of the establishment of JAIDA, we held the “1st Anniversary Ceremony of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA).” In the ceremony, Minister Ishida, JAIDA President Miyamoto, JAIDA Representative Okumura and Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki as the representative of African embassies in Tokyo made remarks. In addition, a commemorative lecture was given by Representative of the Government of Japan and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Okamura (in charge of TICAD). Please find the summary of the ceremony in the attachment.

Date: 17: 00-19: 00, Wednesday, September 27th, 2017

Location: Conference room, 10F, Central Government Building 3, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Main Participants:

(Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism) Minister Ishida, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Takahashi, Vice-Minister Mouri, Vice-Minister Yoshida, Vice-Minister Narahira, Director-General for International Affairs Shinohara, Director-General of Land Economy & Construction Industries Bureau Tamura and others

(Member Companies/Organizations) Chairman of the Board and Representative Director of Shimizu Corporation Miyamoto, President of Fujita Corporation Okumura, Shimizu Corporation, JGC Holdings Corporation, Hitachi, Ltd., Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd.,

Toyota Tsusho Corporation, The Overseas Construction Association of Japan, Inc. and others
(African Embassies) Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki, Ambassador of Senegal to
Japan Niang and others



Ambassador Afeworki (left) Minister Ishii (middle) JAIDA President Miyamoto (right)

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[Summary of the Ceremony]**1. General Meeting****○ Opening Remarks****▪ Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ishii**

In the opening remarks of the general meeting, Minister Ishii stated that the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism will continue to strongly support the business expansion of Japanese companies in the African region where huge infrastructure demand is expected, and he expects that member companies and organizations will actively participate in the activities of JAIDA.

▪ JAIDA President Miyamoto

JAIDA President Miyamoto stated that through the sales activities conducted by Prime Minister Abe and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, African countries are interested in Japan's "Quality Infrastructure" and JAIDA will work together with government officials including the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, JICA, embassies, etc. as a team of "All-Japan" to meet the expectation for realizing projects in Africa.

▪ Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki

On behalf of the African embassies in Tokyo, Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki stated that infrastructure is a major source of African GDP growth and the support from Japanese companies is expected to build "Quality Infrastructure" in African countries.

○ Report from the Secretariat (Assistant Vice-Minister of Minister's Secretariat Sudo)

Assistant Vice-Minister of Minister's Secretariat of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sudo provided a summary report on the status of JAIDA's activities so far and future plans including the 2nd Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (to be held in Tokyo in November this year), Senegal-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (to be held in January next year), etc.

○ Commemorative Lecture (Representative of the Government of Japan and Ambassador**Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Okamura (in charge of TICAD))**

Representative of the Government of Japan and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Okamura (in charge of TICAD) gave a commemorative lecture regarding the achievement of the "Dialogue with Private Sector from Japan and Africa," a side event of the TICAD Ministerial Meeting held in Mozambique in August this year, the economic growth potential of Sub-Saharan Africa, and the history of TICAD.

2. Reception

In addition to the participants of the general meeting, the reception was attended by 15 Ambassadors from approximately 30 African embassies in Tokyo. In the opening remarks of the reception, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Takahashi stated that in preparation for TICAD7 to be held in Yokohama in 2019, the Ministry will hold the High Quality Infrastructure Conference while conducting sales activity by top-level officials. Former State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Suematsu stated that he will continue to support the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure” in Africa, and State Minister of the Environment Ito presented “African Clean Cities Platform” as an initiative of the Ministry of the Environment in Africa.



<Minister Ishii (middle) and JAIDA President Miyamoto (right), Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki (left)>



<Remarks by Minister Ishii in Ceremony and General Meeting>



<Remarks by JAIDA President Miyamoto in Ceremony and General Meeting>



<Remarks by Ambassador of Eritrea to Japan Afeworki in Ceremony and General Meeting>



<Commemorative Lecture by Representative of the Government of Japan and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Okamura (in charge of TICAD) in Ceremony and General Meeting>



<Remarks by Parliamentary Vice-Minister Takahashi in Ceremony and Reception>



<Remarks by State Minister Suematsu in Ceremony and Reception>



<Remarks by State Minister of the Environment Ito in Ceremony and Reception>