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International Policy Division (Global Strategy),
Policy Bureau

“2nd Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference”

Continuous Discussion on the Promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment”

On Tuesday, November 21st, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism welcomed approximately 50 Ugandan public-private representatives including Minister of Works and Transport Azuba and held the “2nd Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference” in Tokyo.

In this conference, we shared the efforts of both countries regarding cooperation in the fields of “Traffic Management,” “Roads and Bridges,” and “Building Technology,” which are highly needed by the Ugandan side, and discussed future activities. State Minister Makino also had a meeting with Minister of Works and Transport Azuba.

Based on the “Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment and Continuing Cooperative Relationship” between the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and the Ministry of Works and Transport of the Republic of Uganda signed in the “1st Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference*¹” in January this year, we held “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue (QID) *² *³” twice so far for discussing the realization of projects of “Traffic Management,” “Roads and Bridges” and “Building Technology,” which are highly needed by the Ugandan side.

In this conference, we deepened the discussion toward the realization of a project and the public and private sectors of both countries signed the minutes that promises to sign a memorandum of understanding on the pilot project for traffic management.

(*1) “1st Uganda-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference” (January 9th, 2017)

<http://www.mlit.go.jp/common/001169305.pdf>

(*2) “1st Uganda-Japan QID” (April 5th, 2017) <http://www.mlit.go.jp/common/001182194.pdf>

(*3) “2nd Uganda-Japan QID” (June 29th, 2017) <http://www.mlit.go.jp/common/001192140.pdf>

2nd Uganda-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference

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2. Location: Auditorium, B2F, Central Government Building No. 2, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
3. Participants: Approximately 120 people in total from both countries
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Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) Members: 27 companies
(From Uganda) Ministry of Works and Transport: Minister Azuba, Director Bagonza,
Embassy of the Republic of Uganda in Japan: Ambassador Okullo,
Committee on Physical Infrastructure: Chairperson Nakate, UNRA (Uganda National Roads Authority), KCCA (Kampala Capital City Authority), UNABCEC (Uganda National Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors), UACE (Uganda Association of Consulting Engineers) and others

4. Summary: See details in [Attachment](#)



Remarks by State Minister Makino



Conference

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4. Summary

Session 1: Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech

- At the beginning of the conference, State Minister Makino stated, “I hope that many Japanese companies will be involved in the development and renewal of infrastructure for the further development of Uganda, and that Japan can contribute.” Minister Azuba expressed his expectation on the promotion of bilateral cooperation and networking between public and private sectors of Uganda and Japan through the conference.
- In the keynote speech, Counsellor Ozawa presented that JAIDA member companies are highly interested in doing business in Uganda and introduced the important elements of “Quality infrastructure” based on the efforts made by the Government of Japan and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Uganda. After that, Director Bagonza showed the efforts between the two countries and their progress after the first conference in January this year.
- In addition, the minutes of discussion that promises to sign a memorandum of understanding on a pilot project for traffic congestion management were exchanged between the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Toyota Tsusho Corporation, the Ministry of Works and Transport of the Republic of Uganda and Kampala City.

Session 2: Workshop

- We held workshops on “Traffic Management,” “Roads and Bridges,” and “Building technology,”

which are highly needed by the Ugandan side. The Ugandan side presented their expectation for Japan in each field, and the Japanese side explained the efforts for “Quality Infrastructure” that meet the needs of Uganda. We had a discussion on efforts to be made for developing projects in the future.

Session 3: Business Matching

- Japanese companies were divided into individual booths and interviewed with interested Ugandan companies. They actively exchanged information and Japanese companies built relationships with possible Ugandan partner companies.



Remarks by Minister Azuba



Exchange of Minutes

2. Meeting between State Minister Makino and Minister Azuba

- Date: 14:45-15:30, Tuesday, November 21st, 2017
- We exchanged opinions on traffic congestion countermeasures such as flyover construction and traffic analysis systems in the capital city of Kampala, as well as the business activities of JAIDA member companies.
- State Minister Makino addressed, “we are confident that promoting public-private partnerships will contribute to Uganda's infrastructure development.” Minister Azuba mentioned the importance of after-sales service of Japan's technology transfer, joint ventures and maintenance.



3. Infrastructure Site Visit

- Date: 9: 30-17: 00, Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017

- The Uganda delegation visited actual examples of Japan’s “Quality Infrastructure” including the Metropolitan Area Outer Underground Discharge Channel (Kasukabe City, Saitama Prefecture), the world's largest facility constructed by combining cutting-edge civil engineering and disaster prevention technologies, and the production center of Sakai Heavy Industries, Ltd. (Kawagoe City, Saitama Prefecture), which is a factory to produce construction machines for advanced road construction and repair.



Site Visit to Metropolitan Area Outer
Underground Discharge Channel



Demonstration of Construction Machine