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State Minister Makino's Visit to Senegal and Morocco

"Senegal-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference"

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino visited the Republic of Senegal and the Kingdom of Morocco on January 6th-13th for the promotion of Japan's "Quality Infrastructure Investment."

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

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino visited the Republic of Senegal with approximately 50 people from 21 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) member companies, which totals 60 people from both public and private sectors, and held High Quality Infrastructure Conference in cooperation with the government of Senegal for promoting Japan's "Quality Infrastructure Investment" based on the achievement of TICAD VI (6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development) and the Japan-Senegal Joint Statement issued at the summit meeting (December last year) between President of Senegal Sall and Prime Minister Abe.

Kingdom of Morocco (see [Attachment 2](#) for the meeting details)

In Morocco, we signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with the Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water Amara. Through meetings with Minister Amara and Minister of National Land Use Planning, Town Planning, Housing and Urban Policy El Alamy, we agreed to further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries by sharing knowledge and experience for jointly promoting the development of "Quality Infrastructure" in Morocco and other African countries.

Senegal-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference



(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).

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1. Senegal-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference (January 9th)

- (1) Date: Tuesday, January 9th, 2018
- (2) Location: International Conference Hall CICAD (Centre international de conférences Abdou Diouf), Dakar, Republic of Senegal
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
(Senegal) Ministry of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up
- (4) Participants: Approximately 280 people in total from public and private sectors of both countries
(Main Participants from Japan)

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (State Minister Makino, Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki), Embassy of Japan in Senegal (Ambassador Omori), Japanese companies including Chairman of the Board of Shimizu Corporation Miyamoto (JAIDA President), President of Fujita Corporation Okumura (JAIDA Representative), President of Sakai Heavy Industries, Ltd. Sakai (21 JAIDA member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies, manufacturers, etc.) and others

(Main Participants from Senegal)

President Sall, Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo and others

(5) Summary:

I. Opening Speech (Opening Remarks)

At the beginning of the conference, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino, Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) President Miyamoto, and President Sall made remarks.

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

“I’d like to express my sincerest gratitude toward the cooperation of the Senegalese government for holding the High Quality Infrastructure Conference. As we expect further economic growth in Senegal, infrastructure development including roads, bridges and ports is an urgent issue. It is becoming more and more important to take measures against traffic congestion and improve the living environment in response to the progress of urbanization. “Quality of Infrastructure” is important when responding to infrastructure demand. Today's conference is attended by approximately 20 Japanese companies, who will share our world’s top-class technologies, efforts and experiences. We hope that we can contribute to the future infrastructure development in Senegal.”



<High Quality Infrastructure Conference (State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino and President Sall)>

II. Keynote Speech

In the keynote speech, Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Aoki made a presentation on “Quality Infrastructure Investment for Sustainable Growth in Senegal,” and Chief Executive Director of the Overseas Construction Association of Japan Yamaguchi made a presentation on “Overseas Activities of Japan's Construction Industry.” The Senegalese government made presentations on “Senegal’s Macroeconomic Situation, Infrastructure and ‘Plan Sénégal Emergent,’ and Senegal's Investment Situation.”

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

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino signed the Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship with Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo in the presence of President Sall.

In the memorandum, it was agreed to launch “Quality Infrastructure Dialogue,” as a framework for exchanging opinions on a regular basis, and to continue the dialogue after “Senegal-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference” for promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment.”



<Signing Ceremony (State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino and Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo)>

IV. Workshop and Business Matching

The workshops were held on two themes: “Construction Industry, Urban Transportation, Roads and Bridges,” and “Ports.” After presentations from the Japanese and Senegalese companies, lively questions and answers and exchanges of opinions took place. After the workshop, the Japanese companies were divided into individual booths and they interviewed interested Senegalese companies. There was a lively exchange of information and the Japanese companies built relationships with the Senegalese companies that could be partners.



<Workshop>

2. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of the Republic of Senegal (January 8th and 9th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino had a meeting with President Sall and Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo, and agreed to strengthen cooperation for promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also conducted sales activities for the Japanese companies to receive orders of the “Project for Rehabilitation of the 3rd Wharf in Dakar Autonomous Port” and “Mamelles Sea Water Desalination Project.” We also exchanged views on various infrastructure projects such as traffic congestion countermeasures and road maintenance in Dakar. JAIDA President Miyamoto expressed

his intention to contribute to the infrastructure development in Senegal and the accompanying JAIDA member companies also presented their experiences and technologies.

President Sall expressed his appreciation for the success of the conference and Japan's support. He also expressed his expectations for the transfer of knowledge and know-how related to infrastructure from Japan.

Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo welcomed the delegation from Japan and explained the current situation and potential of Senegal. He stated that he would like to create local employment by taking advantage of cooperation with Japan in the infrastructure sector. Based on the signed memorandum, we confirmed to hold "Quality Infrastructure Dialogue" by this fall as a follow-up to the conference.



<Meeting with Minister of Infrastructures, Land Transport and Opening-Up Diallo>



<Meeting with President Sall>

3. Other (January 8th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino visited the Vocational and Technical Training Center and the Port of Dakar, which are the sites of Japan's priority support projects for Senegal.



<Visit to Vocational and Technical Training Center>



<Visit to Port of Dakar>

1. Bilateral meeting with the Kingdom of Morocco (January 10th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino signed Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and Continuing Cooperative Relationship” with Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water Amara. Through the meetings with Minister Amara and Minister of National Land Use Planning, Town Planning, Housing and Urban Policy El Alamy, we agreed to further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries by sharing knowledge and experience for jointly promoting the development of “Quality Infrastructure” in Morocco and other African countries. We also conducted sales activities for the Japanese companies to receive orders of “Kenitra Atlantic New Port Construction Project,” and exchanged opinions on the promotion of various infrastructure projects such as “Atlas Mountains Tunnel Construction Project.” JAIDA President Miyamoto expressed his intention to contribute to the infrastructure development in Morocco and the accompanying JAIDA member companies also presented their experiences and technologies.

Both Ministers were pleased with the success of the meetings and they explained the investment promotion measures in Morocco. Based on the signed memorandum, they expressed expectations for the Japanese companies and we confirmed that it is important to further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries in order to jointly promote infrastructure development in Morocco and other African countries.



<Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water Amara>



<Bilateral Meeting with Minister of National Land Use Planning, Town Planning, Housing and Urban Policy El Alamy>

2. Quality Infrastructure Seminar (January 10th)

We held an infrastructure seminar with JETRO Rabat Office for the Moroccan companies and Japanese companies interested in infrastructure development projects. They actively exchanged information and the Japanese companies built relationships with the Moroccan companies that could be partners.



<Seminar>

3. Other (January 11th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Makino visited infrastructure development sites including the Port of Casablanca in Morocco.



<Visit to Port of Casablanca>