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State Minister Otsuka's Visit to Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire

2nd Ghana-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Otsuka visited the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on June 10th-12th for the promotion of Japan's "Quality Infrastructure Investment."

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

Based on the achievement of TICAD VI*, State Minister Otsuka visited the Republic of Ghana with approximately 50 people from 24 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) member companies, which totals 60 people from both public and private sectors, for supporting the development of Japan's "Quality Infrastructure Investment" in Ghana and held the "High-Quality Infrastructure Conference" in corporation with the government of Ghana.

Republic of Cote d'Ivoire (see [Attachment 2](#) for the meeting details)

In Cote d'Ivoire, we had a meeting with Minister of Transport Koné and Minister of Equipment and Road Maintenance Kouakou, and agreed to further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries in order to develop "Quality Infrastructure" in Cote d'Ivoire through sharing knowledge and experience.

2nd Ghana-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference



(Note) TICAD: Tokyo International Conference on African Development is an international conference held with the theme of African development. TICAD VI was held in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2016 and TICAD7 will be held in Yokohama, Japan in August 2019. MLIT is going to host the Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure.

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1. 2nd Ghana-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference (June 11th)

- (1) Date: Tuesday, June 11th, 2019
- (2) Location: Accra International Conference Center, Accra, Republic of Ghana
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
(Ghana) Ministry of Roads and Highways
- (4) Participants: Approximately 160 people from public and private sectors
 - (Main participants from Japan)
 - Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (State Minister Otsuka, Deputy Minister Kitamura)
 - Embassy of Japan in Ghana (Ambassador Himeno)
 - Japanese companies including Chairman of Shimizu Corporation Miyamoto (JAIDA President) and President of Fujita Corporation Okumura (JAIDA Representative) (24 member companies of Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies, manufacturers, etc.) and others
 - (Main participants from Ghana)
 - Minister for Roads and Highways Atta, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea, Deputy Minister for Railways Development Boateng, Chairman of Ghana-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League Acheampong, and others
- (5) Summary:

I. Opening Remarks

On behalf of both countries, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Otsuka, JAIDA President Miyamoto, Minister for Roads and Highways Atta, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea, Deputy Minister for Railways Development Boateng, Chairman of Ghana-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League Acheampong made opening remarks.



State Minister Otsuka's Remarks
in the Conference

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

I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude toward the cooperation of the Ghanaian government for holding the High-Quality Infrastructure Conference. It is my understanding that in order to respond to further economic development and urbanization, Ghana has a strong demand for infrastructure. The strength of Japanese infrastructure lies in the fact that the infrastructure will be developed in cooperation with the people of Africa while the technology transfer including safety management, construction and quality control will also be promoted. We would like to propose this philosophy of "Made with Japan" especially for TICAD7.

The main theme of this conference is "PPP," and I strongly hope that the government agencies

and private companies of both countries will work together to take a major step toward the development of a PPP project in Ghana.

TICAD 7 will be held in Yokohama, Japan at the end of August this year. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism will hold the “Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure” on August 27th, focusing on infrastructure. We are looking forward to seeing the Ministers and everyone else in Yokohama with the success of this conference.

II. Quality Infrastructure and PPP

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Kitamura gave a keynote speech on the theme of quality infrastructure and PPP. His presentation included introduction of “Japan Construction International Award” which commends overseas construction projects demonstrating Japan’s strengths. He also explained the efforts toward the development of PPP projects in Bangladesh and the importance of appropriate risk sharing for promoting the understanding of Japan's infrastructure technology and the spirit of “Made with Japan.” Japanese companies presented Japan's technology and experience, examples of PPP projects, business interests, financial schemes, etc.

Furthermore, the two countries agreed to further deepen cooperation on the infrastructure sector at the “2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure” to be held in TICAD7 in August this year.

III. Signing Ceremony of Communique

Deputy Minister Kitamura and Deputy Minister for Roads and Highways Anthony A. Karbo summarized the discussion during the meeting and signed the communique of the “2nd Ghana-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference.”

2. Bilateral Meeting with the Dignitaries of Ghana (June 11th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Otsuka had a meeting with Minister for Roads and Highways Atta, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea, Deputy Minister for Railways Development Boateng and others. They agreed to strengthen the public-private partnership in the infrastructure sector through sharing the awareness on “Quality Infrastructure” of the two countries.

In addition to calling for participation in TICAD7 to be held in Yokohama in August this year, we requested appropriate progress management of Tema Motorway Roundabout Improvement Project (Phase 1) by Shimizu-Dai Nippon JV, including the railway construction that intersects the main road and is ongoing in parallel. In addition, JAIDA President Miyamoto stated that they would continue to cooperate in infrastructure development in Ghana, and participating JAIDA member



Meetings with Minister for Roads and Highways Atta, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea, and Deputy Minister for Railways Development Boateng

companies also introduced their experiences and technologies.

Minister for Roads and Highways Atta welcomed the Japanese delegation, and thanked for the Japanese grant aid for Tema Motorway Roundabout Improvement Project. He stated that they would manage the progress so that the project could be completed as scheduled. He expressed his expectations for the continuous support from Japan. Minister for Works and Housing Akyea also expressed his expectations for cooperation with Japan in the housing sector.

1. Bilateral Meeting with the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire (June 12th)

State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Otsuka had a meeting with Minister of Transport Koné and Minister of Equipment and Road Maintenance Kouakou and agreed to share knowledge and experience in order to jointly promote the development of “Quality Infrastructure” in Cote d'Ivoire and further deepen the cooperative relationship between the two countries.

We also called for participation in TICAD7 to be held in Yokohama in August this year, and requested cooperation for the early completion of the Project for the Construction of Three Intersections in Abidjan. In addition, JAIDA Representative Okumura stated that they would continue to cooperate in infrastructure development in Cote d'Ivoire, and participating JAIDA member companies also introduced their experiences and technologies.

Minister of Transport Koné and Minister of Equipment and Road Maintenance Kouakou, welcomed the Japanese delegation and thanked Japan for its support in various fields including infrastructure. In particular, he touched on various projects supported by Japan and stated that the projects are contributing to the mitigation of traffic congestion and improvement in road conditions. He also expressed his intention to participate in TICAD7, and his expectations for cooperation in increasing the investment from Japan.



Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Transport Koné



Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Equipment and Road Maintenance Kouakou

2. Infrastructure Business Matching Seminar (June 12th)

We held an infrastructure business matching seminar between Japanese companies and Ivorian companies that are interested in infrastructure development projects.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Diarrassouba made opening remarks on his expectations for infrastructure investment taking the opportunity of TICAD7. State Minister Otsuka stated that we would like to contribute to the development of Cote d'Ivoire with the concept of “Quality



State Minister Otsuka's Remarks in the Seminar

Infrastructure.”

In the seminar, both Japan and Cote d'Ivoire made presentations on infrastructure investment. During the business matching, Japanese, Ivorian and French companies actively shared information and built cooperative relationships.