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TICAD7 Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure and Bilateral Meetings

Promotion of Quality Infrastructure Investment in Africa

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held the “2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure” for the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” taking the opportunity of TICAD7. Former Minister Ishii and former Parliamentary Secretary Adachi had bilateral meetings with the African Ministers in charge of Infrastructure development. Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ishii also attended the Thematic Session of TICAD7 on “Blue Economy.”

1. Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure

(see [Attachment 1](#) for the meeting details and [Attachment 2](#) for the tour details)

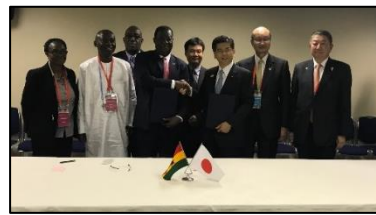
The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held the “2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure” on August 27th in cooperation with Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) and JICA for the promotion of Japan’s “Quality Infrastructure Investment” in Africa. We also conducted a High Quality Infrastructure Tour for demonstrating Japan’s high quality infrastructure for the conference participants from Africa.

2. Bilateral Meetings of Minister Ishii and Parliamentary Secretary Adachi with the African Ministers (see [Attachment 3](#) for details)

We had bilateral meetings with eight Ministers in charge of infrastructure from seven African countries who visited Japan to attend TICAD7. We agreed to further strengthen the cooperative relationship between the two countries by sharing knowledge and experience for the promotion of developing “Quality infrastructure.” The Memorandum of Cooperation for cooperation on infrastructure development was signed with Ghana and Tunisia respectively.

3. Thematic Sessions of TICAD7

On August 29th, Minister Ishii attended the thematic session of TICAD7 to discuss the promotion of economic activities related to oceans, seas and coasts (Blue Economy), and made a speech on our activities for the promotion of Blue Economy in Africa (The chair of the meeting was Foreign Minister Kono).



(Note) TICAD: Tokyo International Conference on African Development is an international conference held with the theme of African development. TICAD7 (7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development) was held in Yokohama, Japan in August 2019 (TICAD VI was held in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2016)

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2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure (August 27th)

- (1) Date: Tuesday, August 27th, 2019
- (2) Location: Exhibition Hall C, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan
- (3) Hosts: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, JAIDA and JICA
- (4) Participants: Approximately 500 people from public and private sectors (Approximately 370 people from Japan and 130 people from the African countries and international organizations)

(Main participants from Japan)

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Minister Ishii, Parliamentary Secretary Adachi, Vice-Minister Kurita and Deputy Vice-Minister Hayashi)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Deputy Director General Akamatsu)

Japanese companies including JAIDA President Miyamoto (Chairman of the Board and Representative Director, Shimizu Corporation), JAIDA Representative Okumura (President of Fujita Corporation) (Approximately 50 JAIDA member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies and manufacturers) and others

(Main participants from African Countries)

Burkina Faso: Minister of Infrastructure Bougouma

Ghana: Minister for Roads and Highways Attah, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea

Kenya: Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development and Public Works Macharia

Madagascar: Minister of Territorial Planning, Housing and Public Works Andrianainarivelo

Malawi: Minister of Transport and Public Work Jooma

Uganda: Minister of State for Works Wamala and others

(Main Participants from International Organizations)

African Union: Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy Abou-Zeid

African Development Bank: Vice President Sherif

World Bank: Global Director Wahba and others

(5) Summary:

I. Opening Remarks

Parliamentary Secretary Adachi, JAIDA President Miyamoto and AfDB Vice President Sherif made opening remarks.



Opening Remarks by Parliamentary Secretary Adachi

<Summary of the Remarks by Parliamentary Secretary Adachi>

It is a great honor to invite the Ministers in charge of the infrastructure sector in each African country. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism has strengthened our activities in Africa after TICAD VI held in Kenya in August 2016. In collaboration with JAIDA, which was established at the same time, we held “Public-Private Conference for High Quality Infrastructure” in African countries, and the public and private sectors have been working together to strengthen the cooperation on high quality infrastructure with African countries. In implementing infrastructure projects, we will continue to develop high quality infrastructure together with African people based on the concept of “MADE WITH JAPAN,” which promotes human resource development and technology transfer through the construction process as well as the infrastructure itself.

II. Ministerial Round Table

World Bank Global Director Wahba moderated the dialogue of Parliamentary Secretary Adachi, African Ministers and African Union Commissioner Abou-Zeid.

<Summary of the Remarks by Parliamentary Secretary Adachi>

The “quality” of infrastructure investment is important for achieving the sustainable growth. At the G20 Osaka Summit in June, the “G20 Principles on Quality Infrastructure Investment” were endorsed, and I would like to share these principles with people in Africa. I would like you to pay attention not only to the quality of Japan's infrastructure itself, but also to the quality of the infrastructure development process. We received a high reputation from the local people for the quality of the development process, such as promotion for improving skills of local human resources and companies, construction with no accidents, and compliance with deadlines.



Ministerial Round Table

It is often said that Japan is cautious about infrastructure investment and the cost is high, but in order for infrastructure to support the lives of residents and corporate activities for a long time, and to secure the sustainable growth of a country, it is important to evaluate the life cycle cost of the infrastructure. The evaluation should not be only by the scale of investment in the initial development stage but the costs in the subsequent maintenance and operation stages should also be considered. Therefore, I hope that people in Africa will also understand the Japanese way of project development, which will be based on a substantial preliminary study.

Until now, Public-Private Infrastructure Conferences have focused on disseminating information and building relationships, but from now on, we would like to exchange information from the primary stage, such as the project planning stage, and create projects with people in Africa. The power of the private sector is indispensable, and the public and private sectors will continue to work together for strengthening the cooperation on infrastructure investment.

III. Leaders' Statement

After the Ministerial Roundtable, the Leaders' Statement for the promotion of "Quality Infrastructure Investment" was released by the leaders of participating countries. The details are in [Attachment 4](#).

IV. Presentation of the Letter of Appreciation to JAIDA

Minister Ishii presented a letter of appreciation to JAIDA President Miyamoto in praise of their great contribution to the promotion of Japan's high quality infrastructure in African countries.



Minister Ishii Presents Letter of Appreciation to JAIDA President Miyamoto

V. Public-Private Session

<Session 1>

The theme of Session 1 was "Contribution to Quality Infrastructure in Africa." In addition to the presentations by the Japanese government and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Japanese infrastructure-related companies and banks presented their business activities as well as efforts of infrastructure finance. Vice-Minister Kurita of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism explained the strengths of Japanese infrastructure including its sustainability, economic efficiency from the viewpoint of life cycle cost, and safety in his presentation.



Session 1

(Keynote Speech)

Speakers: Vice Minister Kurita (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), Deputy Director General Akamatsu (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Director of Development Centre Pezzini (OECD)

(Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Chief Executive Director Yamaguchi (OCAJI)

Panelists: Managing Officer Kita (Shimizu Corporation), President Okumura (Fujita Corporation), President Sakai (Sakai Heavy Industries, Ltd.), Executive Officer Koizumi (NEXI), Executive Officer Uchida (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), Managing Principals Neil (Standard Chartered Bank)

<Session 2>

The theme of Session 2 was "Enhancement of the Connectivity in Africa." There was a discussion by international organizations including the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), WCO, African Development Bank, West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), and JICA who promotes the corridor development and regional integration. At the beginning, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD Mayaki mentioned that the corridor development is important for the realization of Agenda 2063, and Secretary-General of WCO Mikuriya stated that governance security and human resource development in facilitating trade and border procedures are vital. Other speakers commented that

the key to corridor development is the promotion of intra-regional trade as well as linkages and partnerships with industrial development. They expressed high expectations on further progress in the corridor development in the future.

(Speakers)

Moderator: Director Tsuboike (JICA)

Panelists: CEO Mayaki (NEPAD), Head of Regional Integration and Trade Division Grey-Johnson (NEPAD), Secretary General Mikuriya (WCO), Commissioner Koffi (UEMOA), Vice President Sherif (AfDB), Senior Vice President Kato (JICA)



Session 2

<Session 3>

The theme of Session 3 was “Realization of Sustainable Cities in Africa.” The Ministers and government officials from four African countries, where the urban area will become megacities by 2050, presented the policies and issues for the realization of a sustainable city. In the panel discussion, Mr. Sameh Wahba, Global Director, Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land, World Bank and Deputy Mayor Hirahara of Yokohama City, and Deputy Director General of Infrastructure and Peacebuilding



Session 3

Department Ara of JICA sent a message from the stage that the comprehensive efforts from planning to implementation are important for the realization of a sustainable city though each future mega city has different characteristics, and utilization of Japan's experience and knowledge as well as cooperation with international organizations including the World Bank are necessary.

(Speakers)

Moderator: Global Director Wahba (World Bank)

Panelists: Minister of Construction, Housing and Urban Development Koné (Cote d'Ivoire), Governor Mbala (Kinshasa Province), Deputy Permanent Secretary of President Office Regional Administration and Local Government Nzunda (Tanzania), Executive Secretary of FCDA Gambo (Nigeria), Deputy Mayor Hirahara (Yokohama City), Deputy Director General Ara (JICA)

High Quality Infrastructure Tour (August 28th)

In cooperation with Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA), “High Quality Infrastructure Tour” was conducted for the promotion of “High Quality Infrastructure Technologies” and establishment of cooperative relationships with the conference participants from African countries (15 participants from three countries: Uganda, Ghana and Madagascar).

I. Site visit: Technology Center of Fujita Corporation (Atsugi City, Kanagawa Pref.)

In Fujita's Technology Center, there were acoustic experiments in reverberation and anechoic rooms, demonstration of technology to avoid vibration by human movement and equipment, and demonstration of VR technology as an example of IT technology application on construction sites.

In the experiment to suppress floor vibration, the participants were interested if they can apply the technology even in different environments. They understood that the Japanese high level of infrastructure technology is based on these research efforts.



Demonstration of VR Technology

II. Site visit: Shimizu Corporation’s Construction Site of Tokyo Outer Ring Road Shield Tunnel (Nerima City, Tokyo)

At the site of Shimizu Corporation's construction site of Tokyo Outer Ring Road, we saw the front edge of the tunnel being excavated by the shield method and learned the status and movement of the shield machine. The participants were interested in Shimizu’s efforts to minimize the impact on traffic while adjacent to the highway and were amazed by their consideration for the natural environment and integrating various high-level technologies for the tunnel excavation work.



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III. Site visit: Sakai Heavy Industries, . Ltd. (Kuki City, Saitama Pref.)

Sakai Heavy Industries demonstrated the stabilizer method that regenerates the roadbed by crushing and mixing. The participants were very interested to see the roadbed being evened out right in front of them. Some of the Ministers started to consider the introduction of the construction machine in their home countries during the visit through Sakai Heavy Industry’s explanation of business experiences and the superiority of the stabilizer method.



Demonstration of Construction Machine

IV. Site visit: Kuki Plant of Nippon Signal Co., Ltd. (Kuki City, Saitama Pref.)

Nippon Signal presented that visiting the production sites of advanced signal systems and implement the optimal management of traffic signals can be one solution to traffic congestion in each city.

A female engineer from Kenya who joined Nippon Signal this year welcomed us and guided the facility. The participants were pleased that the Japanese company accepted Africa. Finally, the Ugandan Minister said he hopes that Japanese private companies and Africa will continue to build better relationships.



Nippon Signal Co., Ltd.

Bilateral Meetings of Minister Ishii and Parliamentary Secretary Adachi with the African Ministers

Minister Ishii and Parliamentary Secretary Adachi had bilateral meetings with eight Ministers from seven African countries for sharing the concepts of “Quality Infrastructure” and confirming the necessity of strengthening the public-private cooperation for the infrastructure development. Furthermore, they exchanged views on individual projects and future cooperation. The Memorandum of Cooperation for cooperation on infrastructure development was signed with Ghana and Tunisia respectively (held on August 27th, 2019 in Pacifico Yokohama (only for Burkina Faso, held on August 29th, 2019 in the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism).

●Counterparts of Bilateral Meetings

1. Minister Ishii

Tunisia Foreign Minister Jhinaoui

Kenya Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development and Public Works
Macharia

Cote d'Ivoire Minister of Equipment and Road Maintenance Kouakou

Ghana Minister for Roads and Highways Attah, Minister for Works and Housing Akyea

2. Parliamentary Secretary Adachi

Uganda Minister of State for Works Wamala

Malawi Minister of Transport and Public Work Jooma

Burkina Faso Minister of Infrastructure Bougouma

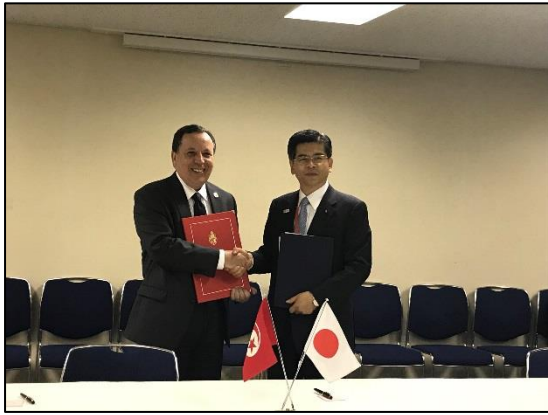
●Signed Memorandum of Cooperation

1. Republic of Tunisia

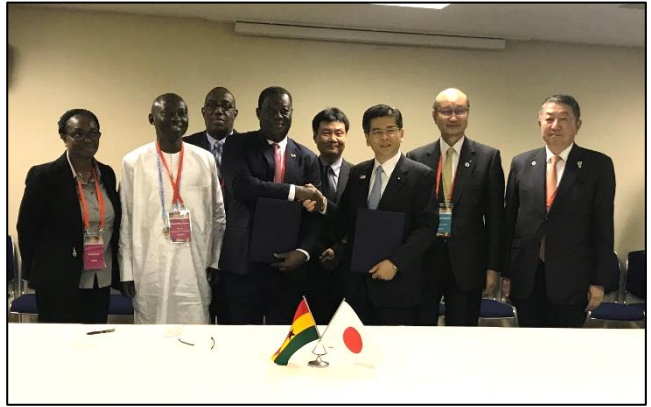
The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment and Continuing Cooperative Relationship to strengthen the cooperation of two countries on infrastructure development.

2. Republic of Ghana

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Roads and Highways of the Republic of Ghana signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in Development of the Public-Private Partnership Projects in the road sector and other sectors deemed necessary by both parties for our sustainable economic development and strengthening of cooperative relationships through the promotion and expansion of investment in PPP projects.



Minister Ishii and Tunisian Foreign Minister Jhinaoui,
after Signing the MoC



Minister Ishii and Ghanaian Minister of Roads and
Highways Attah after Signing the MoC

“The 2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High-Quality Infrastructure”

The Leader’s Statement for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment

We, the leaders in charge of infrastructure development and management of Japan and African countries - Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Uganda - who participate in “The 2nd Africa-Japan Public-Private Conference for High-Quality Infrastructure”, a side event of TICAD7 held on August 27, 2019, in Yokohama, Japan, affirm the following matters, in order to promote quality infrastructure investment in Africa.

1. We share the crucial importance to work coherently to bridge the existing global demand-supply gap of infrastructure investment by promoting -quality infrastructure investment so as to promote strong, sustainable and balanced growth and to enhance resilience in African society.
2. In order to promote quality infrastructure investment in Africa, we share the recognition that it is important to align the infrastructure investment in Africa with the following principles.
 - (1) We encourage the infrastructure investment which maximizes the positive impact of infrastructure to achieve sustainable growth and development while preserving the sustainability of public finances, raises economic efficiency in view of life-cycle cost, integrates environmental and social considerations, builds resilience against natural disasters and other risks and strengthens infrastructure governance, aligned with the development needs of African countries.
 - (2) We share the concept of “Made with Japan”: building infrastructure in Africa with techniques, expertise and mind together with Japan on the basis of recognizing not only the importance of infrastructure itself but also the importance of the quality of construction process and method. Moreover, we promote investment in infrastructure which will lead to ensuring job creation facilitating transfer of expertise and know-how to and capacity building of African countries and people through practicing the concept of “Made with Japan”.
 - (3) We explore and form future infrastructure projects by promoting information sharing on possible future infrastructure projects including public-private partnership (PPP) projects in a timely and effective manner.
3. We advance and enhance cooperation to align the infrastructure investment with the above principles, utilizing the capability of the private sector of Japan. We understand the significant role played by the private sectors, and make efforts to improve the business environment including PPP to support private sectors to promote quality infrastructure. We also share the importance of sharing information on possible future infrastructure projects with private sectors like JAIDA (Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association) in order to promote private investment.
4. In order to share the above recognition among African countries, we continuously make the cooperative efforts to hold public-private conference such as this conference in African countries and strengthen partnership so as to hold a similar conference at the time of the next TICAD.