

**Ethiopia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference,  
Kenya-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference and  
Side Event on “Quality Infrastructure Investment” in  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development**

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held the bilateral High Quality Infrastructure Conference in Ethiopia and Kenya on July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in cooperation with the governments of two countries. In Ethiopia, we held a side event on “Quality Infrastructure Investment” with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development, which was jointly hosted by the governments of Ethiopia and the Philippines.

In Ethiopia, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kiuchi paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Hailemariam with Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and 16 Japanese infrastructure-related companies. At the conference in Kenya, President Kenyatta attended and gave a speech, and the Japanese side delivered a message from Prime Minister Abe.

The details are as follows.

**1. Ethiopia-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference**

(1) Date and Location

Date: 9:00-18:00, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Location: Friendship Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

(2) Participants: Approximately 100 people

(From Japan) Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and others, 18 Japanese companies, etc. (approximately 40 people)

(From Ethiopia) State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik Reba, Ethiopian government officials and companies (approximately 60 people)

(3) Summary

At the beginning of the conference, Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik Reba made remarks. In the conference, we held a seminar on the theme of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and 12 Japanese companies and Ethiopian companies made presentations. We also held workshops on infrastructure maintenance and operation, construction machinery and technology, which are areas of interest in both countries.

There was a lively exchange of opinions on “Quality” related to infrastructure development, and we shared the ideas of Japanese companies' high technology and life cycle costs that support Japan's “Quality Infrastructure Investment.”

After the conference, Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure,

Transport and Tourism Sasaki paid a courtesy call on State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik and Minister of Urban Development and Construction Mekuria.



<Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik>



<Keynote Speech by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism>



<Courtesy Call on Minister Mekuria by Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki>



<Workshop>

## **2. Kenya-Japan High Quality Infrastructure Conference**

### (1) Date and Location

Date: 9:20-17:30, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Location: Serena Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

### (2) Participants: Approximately 200 people

(From Japan) Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and others, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya Terada, 26 Japanese companies, etc. (approximately 70 people)

(From Kenya) President Kenyatta, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Land, Housing and Urban Development Matiangi, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure Macharia, Kenyan government officials and companies, etc. (approximately 130 people)

### (3) Summary

President Kenyatta gave a speech in the beginning and he stressed that it is important to share the technology, experience and know-how of Japanese companies in developing “Quality Infrastructure” with Kenyan companies for accelerating the infrastructure development, which is the highest priority of Kenyan National Strategy VISION 2030. He stated that this conference was

the best opportunity for that.

The Japanese side conveyed the message of Prime Minister Abe (see attachment) and offered that Japan can contribute to Africa through “Quality Infrastructure Investment” utilizing high technology and further strengthening of cooperative relationship is expected.

In addition, we held a seminar on the theme of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and hold workshops and business matching. In business matching, 17 Japanese companies and approximately 30 Kenyan companies participated and actively exchanged their views.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki paid a courtesy call on Acting Cabinet Secretary for Land, Housing and Urban Development Matiangi and Acting Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure Macharia.



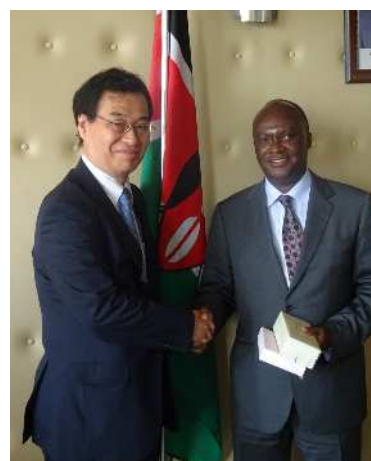
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<Courtesy Call on Acting Cabinet Secretary Macharia  
by Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land,  
Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki>

### **3. Side Event on “Quality Infrastructure Investment” in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development**

(1) Date and Location

Date: 15: 30-18: 00, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015,

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

(2) Main Participants: Approximately 130 people

(From Japan) State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kiuchi, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia Suzuki,  
Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and



Tourism Sasaki and others, 26 Japanese companies, etc.

(From Ethiopia) Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Arkebe, State Minister of Urban Development and Construction Hailemeskel Tefera, State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik Reba, Ethiopian companies, etc.

(Others) International Organizations (AU, UNIDO, UNHCR, ICRC, OECD, ADB, etc.), foreign embassies and companies

### (3) Summary

In the conference, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kiuchi, Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki, State Minister of Urban Development and Construction Hailemeskel Tefera and State Minister of Transport Tekle-Tsadik Reba made remarks. A keynote speech was given by Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Arkebe.

In addition, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism made a presentation on “Quality Infrastructure Investment” and 10 Japanese companies presented on good practices of “Quality Infrastructure Investment.” They shared their experiences and knowledge of the private sector.



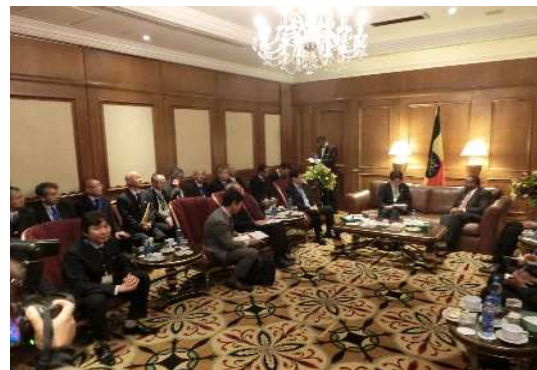
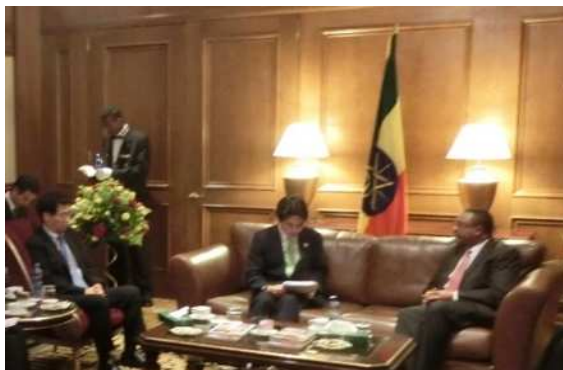
<Remarks by Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki>



<Conference>



<Presentations by Japanese Companies>



<State Minister for Foreign Affairs Kiuchi’s Courtesy Call on Prime Minister Hailemariam with Vice-Minister for Infrastructure of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Sasaki and 16 companies on the 14<sup>th</sup>>

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