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## Introducing Japan's "High Quality Infrastructure" to African Countries!

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and in cooperation with the Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA)\* held the 3<sup>rd</sup> "City Tour" for the officials of African embassies in Tokyo on 8<sup>th</sup> December, to introduce Japan's "High Quality Infrastructure" and establish the relationships with the African countries.

Nineteen ambassadors and officials from 14 countries participated, and the construction site of Yokohama Aoba Junction (JCT), Yokohama Port as international strategic container port and Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse which is utilizing historical buildings as commercial facilities were introduced. Interests in the materials of bridges and earthquake measures at construction site of JCT, and the construction techniques of Red Brick Warehouse were shown.

\* Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) is an association established in September 2016, based on "Leaders' Statement for Promoting High Quality Infrastructure Investment" adopted at "Africa-Japan Public-Private Infrastructure Conference" held in "The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI)." Currently, 159 private companies and organizations are the member of JAIDA.

1. Date: December 8<sup>th</sup> (Fri), 2017
2. Hosts: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (co-host)
3. Participants: 19 participants from 14 countries (mentioned in underline were the countries which ambassadors and/or high rank officials participated.)  
Republic of Angola, Republic of Benin, Republic of Botswana, Arab Republic of Egypt, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Ghana, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Liberia, Republic of Mali, Republic of Mozambique, Republic of Togo, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Zambia, Republic of Zimbabwe

4. Summary: Please see attachment.



<Opening Remarks by Vice Minister Akimoto>



<Group Photo at Construction Site of Junction>

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## 1. Discussion with the Ambassador of African countries and the Leaders of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)

As opening remarks, Vice Minister Akimoto addressed that to share the results of today's visit with their home countries and use as a hint of infrastructure development in future. Discussion about infrastructure of Yokohama as site inspection in the afternoon and TICAD were continued during lunch.



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## 2. Site Visit: Yokohama Aoba JCT (Kanagawa Prefecture)

Visited construction site of Yokohama Aoba JCT located in Yokohama Circular Northwest Line Project, which is directly connects Tomei Expressway, main artery of Japan, and Yokohama port. Ambassadors showed the interests about the methods of land acquisition, materials of bridges and earthquake measures at construction site.



<Explanation by Metropolitan Expressway Company>



<Visit to Junction under Construction>

### 3. Site Visit: Yokohama Port, Red Brick Warehouse (Kanagawa Prefecture)

After boarding the “Marine Shuttle” and inspecting Yokohama Port from the sea, visited Red Brick Warehouse as an example of utilizing historical buildings as commercial facilities by Yokohama City in cooperation with private companies.

Yokohama City and Kanto Regional Development Bureau explained about development of Yokohama Port, strengthening logistic functions and developing methods of Red Brick Warehouse. Ambassadors showed the interests about construction techniques of Red Brick Warehouse and history of utilization.



<Group Photo before Boarding>



<Visit to Red Brick Warehouse>