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Parliamentary Vice-Minister Takahashi's Visit to South Africa

Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum

Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi visited the Republic of South Africa to attend “Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum” for the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” on May 2nd-4th. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held a conference of “High Quality Infrastructure for Africa” on May 3rd as a side event and announced to strengthen the cooperation on infrastructure development in Africa for the preparation of TICAD7 to be held in Yokohama next year.

Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum (See [Attachments 1 and 2](#) for the meeting details)

Based on the achievement of TICAD VI (6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development), Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi visited the Republic of South Africa with approximately 50 people from 23 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA) member companies, which totals 60 people from both public and private sectors, for promoting Japan's “Quality Infrastructure Investment” in African countries. He participated in “Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum (Attachment 1),” and held a conference of “High Quality Infrastructure for Africa (Attachment 2)” as a side event.

Meetings with the Ministers of Infrastructure in African Countries (see [Attachment 3](#) for the meeting details)

Through the meetings with the Ministers of infrastructure who participated the forum from African countries, we agreed to deepen our cooperative relationship by sharing further knowledge and experience in order to jointly promote the development of “Quality Infrastructure” toward TICAD7.

Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum



(Note) TICAD : Tokyo International Conference on African Development is an international conference held with the theme of African development. The 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (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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Africa-Japan Public-Private Economic Forum (May 3rd)

- (1) Date: Thursday, May 3rd, 2018
- (2) Location: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
- (3) Hosts: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
- (4) Participants: Approximately 2,000 people in total from public and private sectors of both countries

(Main participants from Japan)

Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Seko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Okamoto, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi, governmental organizations (JETRO, JICA, etc.), more than 100 Japanese companies (23 Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies, manufactures, etc.) and others

(Main participants from Africa)

President of South Africa Ramaphosa, 42 African countries including 28 Ministers, approximately 500 African companies and others



Plenary Session (Keynote Speech)



Plenary Session (Reception)

- (5) Summary: Plenary Session II “Energy and Infrastructure Enhancement in Africa”
Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi and JAIDA President Miyamoto participated as panelists and had a discussion.

Panelists of Plenary Session II:

(Moderator) Vice President of JICA Kato

(Japan) Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi, JAIDA President Miyamoto (Shimizu Corporation), Senior Executive Vice President of JGC Corporation Yamazaki, Senior Executive Vice President of Chiyoda Corporation Sahara, and Senior Executive Vice president of Marubeni Corporation Yamazoe

(Africa) Minister of Energy Radebe (South Africa), Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure Development Macharia (Kenya), Minister of Transport and Communication Mesquita (Mozambique), Minister of Energy Kalemani (Tanzania)

<Summary of remarks by Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi>

“In Japan, the public and private sectors have accumulated technologies and knowledge on various issues such as measures for aging infrastructure, infrastructure development in response to the environment and disaster risks, and efficient infrastructure management. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism have been supporting private companies with motivation.

We recognize that there is huge demand for infrastructure such as roads, ports, water and sewage in Africa. We believe “Quality of Infrastructure” is important when responding to the infrastructure demand. Japan's “Quality Infrastructure” emphasizes technology transfer to the local area and capacity building of local human resources. We receive strong request for supporting these points from the African countries we visited so far.

Promoting infrastructure development in Africa while valuing partnerships with local people is the most important element in improving the quality of infrastructure, and this is the core concept of Japanese-style “Quality Infrastructure.” The Government of Japan, including the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, will further promote strategic efforts in cooperation with the public and private sectors toward TICAD7, which is scheduled to be held in Yokohama next year.”



Plenary Session II “Energy and Infrastructure Enhancement in Africa”

Side Event “High Quality Infrastructure for Africa” Conference (May 3rd)

At the beginning, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi and JAIDA President Miyamoto made opening remarks.

(1) Participants: Approximately 150 people from public and private sectors of both countries
(Main participants from Japan)

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi, Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki)

Japanese companies including Chairman of the Board and Representative Director of Shimizu Corporation Miyamoto (JAIDA President), President & CEO of Fujita Corporation Okumura (JAIDA Representative) (23 JAIDA member companies including construction companies, consulting companies, trading companies, manufacturers, etc.) and others

(Main participants from Africa)

Minister of Public Works Nxesi (South Africa), Minister of Roads and Highways Atta (Ghana), Minister of State for Transport Bagiire (Uganda), Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela (Zambia), Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure Development Macharia (Kenya), Minister of Transport and Communication Mesquita (Mozambique), Minister of Economy, Planning and Development Programing Immongault Tatagani (Gabon), Senior Vice President Boamah (AfDB), Principal Investment Officer Bruhwiler (IFC), CEO Nzimande, (South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC)), Africa Coordinator of Turkish Contractors Association (TCA) Bayav and others

(2) Summary:

<Summary of Remarks by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi>

“We have held “High Quality Infrastructure Conferences” in 11 countries and exchanged opinions on various infrastructure projects. We proposed technologies as a solution proved by Japan's experience. Today, we welcomed the Minister of Infrastructure and infrastructure related companies of the host country of “High Quality Infrastructure Conference” to discuss on the theme of “Quality Infrastructure.” Through high-level sessions, we look forward to discussing on how to collaborate with people from third countries in addition to Japan and African countries in order to develop “Quality Infrastructure.” In addition, next year, at TICAD7 to be held in Yokohama, a side event with the theme of infrastructure is planned. We would appreciate if you could join us.”



Side Event “High Quality Infrastructure for Africa” Conference

(3) Keynote Speech:

In the keynote speech, Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki made a presentation on “Cooperation for High Quality Infrastructure Development in Africa and Japan.”



Keynote Speech (Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki)

(4) Round Table:

The high-level roundtable was held in two sessions: “Ministerial Roundtable” and “Private Sector Dialogue.” There was a lively question-and-answer session and exchange of opinions on how to collaborate with Japan and African countries, as well as third countries such as Turkey and France, in order to develop “Quality Infrastructure” in Africa.

(Panelists of Ministerial Roundtable)

Deputy Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Aoki, Minister of Roads and Highways Atta (Ghana), Minister of State for Transport Bagiire (Uganda), Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Development Chitotela (Zambia), Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure Development Macharia (Kenya), Minister of Transport and Communication Mesquita (Mozambique), Senior Vice President Boamah (AfDB)*Moderator

(Panelists of Private Sector Dialogue)

President & CEO of Fujita Corporation Okumura (JAIDA Representative), Executive Officer of Toa Corporation Uematsu, CEO Nzimande, (South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC)), Africa Coordinator of Turkish Contractors Association (TCA) Bayav
Principal Investment Officer Bruhwiler (IFC)*Moderator



“Ministerial Round Table”

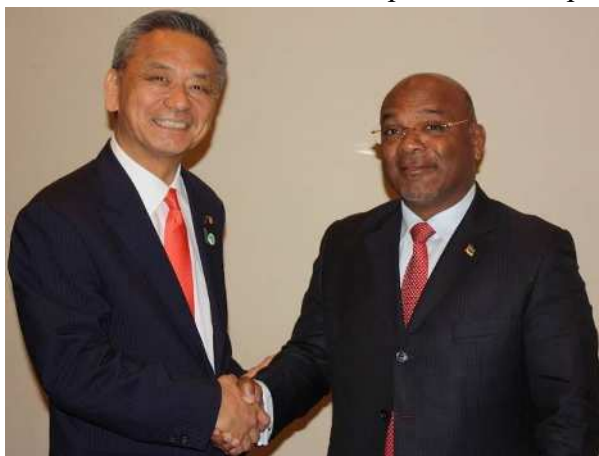


“Private Sector Dialogue”

1. Bilateral meeting with the Republic of Mozambique (May 3rd)

Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi had a meeting with Minister of Transport and Communication Mesquita of the Republic of Mozambique and agreed to strengthen cooperation to promote investment in “Quality Infrastructure” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also conducted sales promotion for the construction and operation of Nacala Port. In addition, JAIDA President Miyamoto expressed our wish to cooperate in infrastructure development, and 20 JAIDA member companies that participated in the meeting also introduced the experiences and technologies of their company.

Minister of Transport and Communication Mesquita was pleased with the success of the conference and expressed his commitment to support the Nacala Port Project. He also explained the infrastructure needs of Mozambique, such as improving the connectivity between Nacala Airport and the inland area, and expressed his expectations for Japan.



Meeting with Minister of Transport and
Communication Mesquita

2. Bilateral meeting with the Republic of Uganda (May 3rd)

Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Takahashi had a meeting with Minister of State for Transport Bagiire of the Republic of Uganda, and agreed to strengthen the cooperative relationship for promoting investment in “Quality Infrastructure” based on the achievement of TICAD VI. We also requested cooperation and support for the completion of the Nile Bridge (Jinja Bridge), which is under construction. In addition, JAIDA President Miyamoto expressed our wish to cooperate in infrastructure development.

Minister of State for Transport Bagiire expressed his appreciation for the invitation to the conference and expressed demand not only for conventional roads and construction machinery, but also for fields such as railways and water transportation on Lake Victoria. He stated his expectations on continuous infrastructure cooperation with Japan.



Meeting with Minister of State for Transport Bagiire