

July 29th, 2019International Policy Division (Global Strategy),
Policy BureauSharing the Concept of “MADE WITH JAPAN”!**Introducing Japan’s “Quality Infrastructure”
and Networking with Japanese Private Companies for
Future Leaders of Africa**

“Japan’s Quality Infrastructure Tour” for the students of African countries

On July 19th, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism held “Japan’s Quality Infrastructure Tour” as a part of the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure” for African countries in preparation for “The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7*1)” to be held in Yokohama in the end of next month.

This time, students from African countries (21 students from 14 countries) were invited from for a mid- and long-term human resources development.

The participants visited a tunnel excavation site under Haneda Airport and the structure of Tokyo Skytree.

In addition, we provided an opportunity for African students to meet with Japanese private companies. The students took the chance to ask about their business activities and interests in Africa directly from the companies for future reference.

We made an announcement of TICAD7 in the end of the tour. The students showed high interest, and offered to join the event as a volunteer.

1. Date: Friday, July 19th, 2019
2. Host: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism [in cooperation with Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association (JAIDA*2)]
3. Participants: 21 students from 14 countries
Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ghana, Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, Tunisia,
Nigeria, Republic of South Africa, Morocco, Rwanda (and 1 student from India)
4. Summary: Please see the attachment.

*1 TICAD is an abbreviation of “Tokyo International Conference on African Development” and is an international conference under the theme of African Development. Please see the details in the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/area/ticad/index.html>). TICAD7 will be held on 28-30 August 2019 in Yokohama.



Logo of TICAD7

*2 JAIDA is an abbreviation of “Japan-Africa Infrastructure Development Association” and was established in September 2016. JAIDA promotes Public-Private Infrastructure Conference and actively disseminates the information on Japan’s “Quality Infrastructure” related technology and experience. It aims to establish cooperative relationships and promote communication with African countries.

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1. Site Visit: Excavation Site of “Sainai Tunnel”, underground of Haneda Airport (Haneda Airport)

The participants visited the excavation site of “Sainai Tunnel” which will connect the domestic and international lines under Haneda Airport, and the central control room for remote control. The participants showed their interests in the technologies of shield machine and computer control technologies toward full automation.



<Visit to Tunnel Excavation Site>



<Group Photo at the Entrance of Tunnel>

2. Networking with Japanese Private Companies (JAIDA Member Companies)

The participants met with JAIDA member companies in a casual atmosphere. The companies presented their technologies, business activities and experiences in Africa. The students questioned about their technologies, actual offices and working environment in Africa to grasp the image of working for a Japanese company. Every student talked positively and some of them shared their passion to become a bridge between Japan and Africa.



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3. Site Visit: Structure of Tokyo Skytree (Oshiage)

The expert in charge of the development of Tokyo Skytree from the initial stage explained about the functions and structure of Tokyo Skytree. The participants visited the central pillar for reducing the vibration of tower and the observatory on the upper level. The Students showed high interests in the background and scale of the project and sophisticated structure.



<Explanation of Structure and Function
of Tokyo Skytree>



<Explanation on the Site>