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International Policy Division

## **Promotion of Quality Infrastructure and Business Development in Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria**

### **Cote d'Ivoire-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference**

### **Nigeria-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference**

For the promotion of “Quality Infrastructure Investment” in TICAD VI to be held for the first time in Africa in 2016, and the expansion of Japanese companies’ infrastructure business in Africa, “High-Quality Infrastructure Conference” in Cote d’Ivoire and Nigeria were held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively in cooperation with JETRO, Ivorian and Nigerian governments. In “Cote d’Ivoire-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference”, Prime Minister Duncan made opening remarks and welcomed the conference participants.

Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Kaibori exchanged views with Prime Minister Duncan, Minister of Economic Infrastructure Achi and Minister of Transport Toure in Cote d’Ivoire. In Nigeria, he paid a courtesy call on Minister of State for Industry, Trade & Investment Abubakar, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolo, Permanent Secretary of Federal Ministry of Transportation Zakari with participants from Japanese companies and requested support for their infrastructure business development and specified contact persons.

### **1. Cote d'Ivoire-Japan High-Quality Infrastructure Conference**

- (1) Date: Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- (2) Location: Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire, Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
JETRO  
(Cote d’Ivoire) Ministry of Economic Infrastructure
- (4) Participants: Approximately 220 people  
(Main participants from Japan)  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Kaibori)  
JETRO (Executive Vice President Hirano)  
Embassy of Japan in Cote d’Ivoire (Ambassador Kawamura)  
JICA  
Japanese companies (50 participants from 18 Japanese companies including construction companies, trading companies and manufacturers, etc.)

(Main participants from Cote d'Ivoire)

Prime Minister Duncan

Minister of Economic Infrastructure Achi

Minister of Transport Toure

Minister for Urban Safety and Sanitation Ouloto

Budget Minister Cissé

Minister of Economy and Finance Koné

Ambassador of Embassy of Cote d'Ivoire in Japan Weya

Ivorian infrastructure related companies and others

(5) Contents:

Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori, Executive Vice President of JETRO Hirano, Ambassador Kawamura and Prime Minister Duncan made opening remarks and welcomed the conference participants. After 10 Japanese companies presented examples of Quality Infrastructure projects and their infrastructure related technologies, we had a dialogue on advanced port construction technologies, environmentally friendly construction technologies, road maintenance and improvement with the Ivorian participants in each thematic workshop. Business matching was also held for the promotion of collaboration of Ivorian and Japanese companies. The conference was lively throughout the sessions. We shared Japan's concept of "Quality Infrastructure Investment" and life cycle cost.

In addition, Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori had a meeting with Prime Minister Duncan and expressed our expectations in strengthening the public-private cooperation of both countries and further development of business relationship. Prime Minister Duncan showed appreciation for Japan's support and explained three national goals (1. Peace and stability; 2. National reconciliation and social unity; 3. Acceleration of economic growth) with his expectations on the future partnership. Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori also had meetings with Minister of Transport Toure and Minister of Economic Infrastructure Achi together with the participants from Japanese companies.



<Conference>



<Opening Remarks by Prime Minister Duncan>



<Workshop>



<Business Matching>



< Meeting with Prime Minister Duncan >



< Meeting with Minister Achi, Minister Toure and Japanese Companies >

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

- (1) Date: Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- (2) Location: Intercontinental Lagos, Lagos, Federal Republic of Nigeria
- (3) Host: (Japan) Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
JETRO  
(Nigeria) Lagos State Government  
Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- (4) Participants: Approximately 260 people  
(Main participants from Japan)  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Deputy Vice-Minister for Construction, Engineering and Real Estate Industry Kaibori)  
JETRO (Executive Vice President Hirano)  
Embassy of Japan in Nigeria (Deputy Head of Mission Otsuka)  
JICA  
Japanese companies (50 participants from 13 Japanese companies including construction companies, trading companies and manufacturers, etc.)  
(Main participants from Nigeria)  
President of Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry Akande (former Federal Minister for Trade and Industry)  
Chargé d'Affaires of Embassy of Nigeria in Japan Hussein  
Nigerian infrastructure related companies and others
- (5) Contents:  
Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori, Executive Vice President of JETRO Hirano, Deputy Head of Mission of Embassy of Japan Otsuka, President of Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry Akande and Chargé d'Affaires of Embassy of Nigeria in Japan Hussein made opening remarks and welcomed the conference participants. After six Japanese companies presented examples of Quality Infrastructure projects and their infrastructure related technologies, business matching was held for the promotion of collaboration of Nigerian and Japanese companies. The conference was lively throughout the sessions. We shared Japan's concept of "Quality Infrastructure Investment" and life cycle cost.

Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori visited three ministries (Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment) in Abuja with Japanese companies and expressed our expectations in strengthening the public-private cooperation of both countries and further development of business relationship. Japanese companies made presentations on their services and technologies. In the Ministry of Transport, Vice-Minister Kaibori reported the success of the conference held in Lagos to Permanent Secretary of Federal Ministry of Transportation Zakari and requested to specify the contact person for the Japanese companies to consult. He expressed his expectations for the Japanese investment in the transport sector and promised to specify the counterpart for supporting the business development of Japanese companies. Minister of State for Industry, Trade & Investment Abubakar and Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolo also expressed their expectations for the Japanese investment and development of cooperative relationship.





< Opening Remarks by Deputy Vice-Minister Kaibori >



<Conference>



<Business Matching>



<Courtesy Call on Permanent Secretary of  
Federal Ministry of Transportation Zakari>



<Courtesy Call on Permanent Secretary of  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lolo>



<Courtesy Call on Minister of State for Industry,  
Trade & Investment Abubakar>

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