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Results of the Visit of Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Republic of Kenya

Megumi Kaneko, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited the Republic of Kenya in Africa from August 25 through August 29, 2016, and attended the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI).

TICAD VI adopted the Nairobi Declaration and the Nairobi Implementation Plan focused on three priority areas in order to respond to the new challenges and progress of Africa.

At the thematic meetings of TICAD VI, Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko announced that Japan will accelerate its initiatives in the ICT field, including the solution of security issues, and contribute not only to the stabilization of the African society, but also to the solution of global issues through the utilization of ICT.

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) held an exhibition named "Japan Fair," the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications exhibited a booth in order to introduce the splendor of Japan's ICT and implement initiatives to promote the development of high-quality ICT infrastructure under public-private cooperation. The summary of this visit is as follows.

(1) Nairobi Declaration

TICAD VI adopted the Nairobi Declaration and the Nairobi Implementation Plan as an outcome document focused on three priority areas in order to respond to the new challenges and progress of Africa. This outcome document stipulates that ICT is to contribute to the solution of problems faced by Africa.

(2) Thematic Meetings of TICAD VI

Individual thematic meetings of TICAD VI were held on respective fields, including the economic diversification and industrialization of Africa and the establishment of a robust health system and the promotion of social stability in Africa. Active discussions took place over the development of infrastructure to meet the development needs of African countries as well as Japan's specific contributions taking advantage of its strong points. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko announced that Japan will accelerate its initiatives in the ICT field, including the solution of security issues, and contribute not only to the stabilization of the African society but also to the solution of global issues through the utilization of ICT.

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(3) Japan Fair (Exhibition)

During the period of TICAD VI, in which all African leaders met together, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) held an exhibition named “Japan Fair,” where the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications exhibited a booth with initiatives to have visitors come in contact and feel the splendor of Japan’s high-quality ICT and appeal to each African leader in the hope of connecting the initiatives to orders for ICT infrastructure systems and services to be placed with Japanese ICT enterprises in the future.



Photo: Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko’s explaining contents of exhibition in MIC booth to the Prime Minister Abe and the President of Kenya Kenyatta

(4) Exclusive Meeting with Botswana

Parliamentary Vice-Minister Kaneko held talks with the Honorable Eric Molale, the Minister of Presidential Affairs & Public Administration of the Republic of Botswana, who expressed his gratitude for Japan’s support to the digitalization of terrestrial broadcasting and expected Japan’s cooperation in further expansion, including the development of interactive TV. Furthermore, the Honorable Nonofu Molefhi, the Minister of Infrastructure, Science and Technology, who also joined the talks, showed Botswana’s interest in the medical field, including innovation hubs and healthcare, and the attendants confirmed the current situation in which activities on the premise of investment are increasing.



Photo:Talk with Honorable Eric Molale

(Reference) About the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI)

TICAD stands for Tokyo International Conference on African Development, a summit-level meeting on the development of Africa. Since 1993, the Japanese government has been taking initiative and holding TICAD jointly with the United Nations (UN), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the World Bank. TICAD V was held in Yokohama in June 2013. The sixth meeting, i.e., TICAD VI, was the first TICAD held in Africa.

Results of the Visit of Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, to the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Peru

Jiro Akama, State Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, visited the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Peru in Latin America from August 28 through to September 2, 2016.

In August 30, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil held the DTT 10th Anniversary Ceremony, and State Minister Akama reached an agreement with the officials to expand the current cooperative relationship between Japan and Latin America in the field of digital terrestrial broadcasting to cover the entire ICT sector. The summary of this visit is as follows.

Main Agenda during his stay in Brazil

(1) The DTT 10th Anniversary Ceremony

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Japan's cooperation with Latin American countries in digital terrestrial broadcasting, which started with Brazil's adoption of the Japanese-Brazilian system (also known as the ISDB-T system) in 2006. Commemorating the anniversary, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil jointly held the DTT 10th Anniversary Ceremony, which approximately 600 people attended. The participants included ministerial-level officials of the Republic of Ecuador and other Latin American countries that adopted the ISDB-T system. State Minister Akama reached an agreement with the officials to expand the current cooperative relationship between Japan and Latin America in the field of digital terrestrial broadcasting to cover the entire ICT sector.

After the ceremony, State Minister Akama visited the Japan booth together with all the ministerial-level officials and made the latest broadcasting and ICT technologies of the Japanese enterprises known to them.



Photo: State Minister Akama's greeting at the DTT 10th Anniversary Ceremony

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(2) Bilateral Meeting with Ministers of Other Countries

State Minister Akama held bilateral meeting with the Honorable Gilberto Kassab, the Minister of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil, and confirmed that both countries will promote the cooperation of the entire Latin American region. State Minister Akama held talks with the Honorable Augusto Espin, Minister of Telecommunications and Information Society of the Republic of Ecuador, as well, and reached an agreement to promote the introduction of a disaster prevention system utilizing terrestrial digital broadcasting.



Photo: Bilateral meeting with Honorable Gilberto Kassab

(3) Exchanges with Japanese-Brazilian Community

State Minister Akama visited the Japanese Immigrant Pioneers Memorial Monument, the Japan Pavilion, and the Museum of the Japanese Immigration, and conversed with people of Japanese ancestry and promoted exchanges with them.

Main Agenda during his stay in Peru

(1) Bilateral Meeting with the Honorable Martin Vizcarra, the Minister of Transport and Communications
State Minister Akama held talks with the Honorable Martin Vizcarra, the Vice President and Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Peru, and reached an agreement to enable both countries to utilize Japanese ICT and promote improvements in Peruvian logistics and develop applications, including telemedicine. Accordingly, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan will support an expansion of Japanese enterprises there.



Photo: Bilateral Meeting with the Honorable Martin Vizcarra

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(2) Talks with Stakeholders of Digital Terrestrial Broadcasting and Disaster Prevention

State Minister Akama held talks with the Honorable Carlos Rafael Valdez, the Deputy Minister of Communications, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and the Honorable Alfredo Murgueytio, the Head of the National Institute of Civil Defense of the Republic of Peru, and reached an agreement to utilize digital terrestrial broadcasting and promote the regional cooperation of the countries for the Emergency Warning Broadcasting System. State Minister Akama confirmed with the counterparts that Peru, Ecuador, and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will jointly hold seminars for digital terrestrial broadcasting and disaster prevention in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on September 12 and 13 with the cooperation of Japan.



Photo:State Minister Akama’s visiting the disaster prevention system utilizing the digital terrestrial broadcasting

(3) Exchanges with Japanese-Peruvian Community

State Minister Akama visited the Japanese-Peruvian Association, and conversed with people of Japanese ancestry and promoted exchanges with them.



Photo:State Minister Akama’s visiting the Japanese-Peruvian Association