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Five Years After The Great East Japan Earthquake

March 11 this year makes it five years since the great east Japan earthquake struck. For the past five years most of the infrastructure have been recovered and housing reconstruction is in progress. The current status of reconstruction and the progress of Tohoku area can be seen with this website: [http://www.reconstruction.go.jp/english/topics/Progress to date/index.html](http://www.reconstruction.go.jp/english/topics/Progress%20to%20date/index.html)

Prior to the commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Minister for reconstruction Tsuyoshi Takagi delivered a speech titled "Recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake , Five Years Later" at Foreign press club Japan press briefing on February 23, 2016.

[http://www.reconstruction.go.jp/english/topics/Events Speeches/20160223 FPC-E.pdf](http://www.reconstruction.go.jp/english/topics/Events%20Speeches/20160223_FPC-E.pdf)

Japan has received a lot of support in all sorts of ways from all over the world after the earthquake. Once again, the Embassy of Japan in Nigeria would like to express appreciation for all support from the Government of Nigeria and the people of Nigeria

Medical Grant Assistance for Suleja General Hospital in Niger State

The Government of Japan granted the amount of US\$103,068 (One hundred three thousand and sixty-eight US dollars) under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) to a local NGO to assist this project.

The staff of Suleja General Hospital had sadly been unable to attend to patients effectively due to lack of adequate equipment.

Recently, they were happy and excited to receive new medical equipment from the Japan government. This included 9 kinds of medical equipment, 12 kinds of medical tools and 13 kinds of furniture.

On the 4th of February, 2016, we celebrated a successful completion of the project at the Embassy of Japan with the attendance of the representatives involved in the project.



Mr. Sadanobu Kusaoke, Ambassador of Japan to Nigeria, giving his speech



Project representatives at the Conference Room



Group photo with Ambassador Kusaoke and the representatives



Dr. Adedokun Adebayo Adekunle, Medical Director of Suleja General Hospital, giving his speech

For more information: [http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160204NigerHealth%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160204NigerHealth%20(English).pdf)

Emergency Improvement of Electricity Supply Facilities in Abuja

The Government of Japan has extended the aid of JPY 1.317 billion (equivalent of USD 11.0 million) to improve two substations to provide 7,000 households in the F.C.T with stable power without voltage drop and transmission loss.

There was a signing ceremony of this project on the 11th February, 2016 at the Ministry of Budget and National Planning F.C.T..

For more information: http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160211%20fct%20electricity%20signing%20selemony.pdf



A cross section of dignitaries



Ambassador of Japan shaking hands with Minister of Budget and National Planning

Emergency Repair and Overhaul Works for Jebba Hydro Power Station

Japan recently supported the project with an aid of JPY 1.990 billion (equivalent of USD 16.6 million) to repair and overhaul one of the generator units such that it will enable the generator to provide 100MW. Now generator NO.4 has not only recovered its original output but its life span has been increased for at least another 30 years.

The completion ceremony was held at the Jebba Hydro Power Station in Niger state on 15th February, 2016.

For more information: http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160215%20jebba.pdf



Jebba Hydro power station



One of the generators



Mr. Masaya Otsuka, Charge' D Affaires Embassy of Japan with His Excellency, Babatunde Fashola, The Honorable Minister of Power, Works and Housing

Creating inclusive society for growth through providing support for the power sector is one of Japan's priority target areas at TICAD V (Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development)

For more information about TICAD: <http://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/what.html>

Educational Grant Assistance For Imoro Community Nursery/ Primary School in Sagamu Local Government Area in Ogun State

The Government of Japan granted the amount of US\$102,761 (One hundred two thousand seven hundred sixty-one US dollars) under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) to a local NGO to assist this project.

Under the project 1 school building (6 classrooms and 4 toilets) has been constructed, and 138 sets of desks and chairs for students, 7 tables and 8 chairs for teachers have been provided.

The commissioning ceremony for this project was held on Thursday 3rd March 2016, at Imoro Community Nursery/Primary School with lots of excitement from the pupils and the teachers. Representatives from the Embassy of Japan, the implementing development partners, and other stake holders attended.

The completed project was handed over to the Ogun State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB)



*Mr. Masaya Otsuka, Charge' D Affaires Embassy of Japan,
commissioning the project*

For more information: [http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160303OgunPrimaryEducation\(English\).pdf](http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20160303OgunPrimaryEducation(English).pdf)

Japan Trains Nigerian Volleyball Coaches

It was an event filled week for Mr. Mizuno, The Japanese Assistant Coach for Women's National Volleyball team and the 54 coaches from states, clubs and higher institutions in Nigeria. The Japanese volleyball coach arrived Nigeria on Saturday, 13th February 2016 and went on to hold day to day interactive training sessions at the National Stadium Complex Abuja.

The refresher training was rounded up with a closing ceremony on Monday, 22nd February at the National Institute for Sports, Package B, National Stadium Complex Abuja. The Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Sports, Mr. Christian Ohaa who represented the Honorable Minister of Sports presented certificates to all the participants while Mr. Masaya Otsuka, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Nigeria officially handed over 200 balls donated by the Japanese Volleyball association to the Nigerian Volleyball Federation at the ceremony.

For more information: <http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/Document/culture/20160222%20volleyball.pdf>



The handover of volleyballs during the closing ceremony



Mr. Mizuno training coaches



This program is part of "Sport For Tomorrow" programme committed by the Government of Japan towards Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic games which involves a dynamic plan to pursue international cooperation and cultural exchange through sports particularly in developing countries.

For more information about Sports For Tomorrow: <http://www.sport4tomorrow.jp/>

Scholarship Program and Study in Japan

MEXT Scholarship

Application period for the Japanese Government - MEXT Scholarship for International Students for the 2015/16 Academic year has closed. Please note that the opening date for submission of completed application forms will be in April 2016. Interested candidates can checkout the website.

For more information: <http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/mext2015.html>

Ashinaga Scholarship

The Ashinaga scholarship programme once more is on-going even though applications for 2016 closed on the 29th of February, 2016.

A team of Ashinaga experts are expected to be in Nigeria in April to conduct the written and oral interviews for the shortlisted candidates.

Ashinaga presents the "100-Year Vision: Educational Support for Orphaned Students from Sub-Saharan Africa" aiming to provide higher education to 49 brilliant students from 49 Sub-Saharan countries, some of which are among the poorest in the world, and encourage them to become leading professionals in their own countries.

For more information: <http://ashinaga100-yearvision.org/en/year100/>

Matsumae International Foundation (MIF)

The MIF has started receiving application for '2017 research fellowship programme'. Applications have been open since Jan 8, 2016 and will close August 31, 2016.

Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) was founded with the concept of achieving greater understanding of Japan and a Lasting World Peace.

For more information: <http://www.mif-japan.org/fellowship/announcement/?hl=en>

Study in Japan

Study in Japan is a comprehensive guide made available for prospective students who wish to study in Japan, foreign students in Japan, or former foreign students who studied in Japan. It includes answers to frequently asked questions, event information, and other related topics.

For more information: <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/>

Tsukuba University

Applications for PEPP-CEP (Programme in Economic and Public Policy, Course in Economic Policy) at the University of Tsukuba will be open from June 1 to August 15, 2016. It is open for any students.

PEPP-CEP General Track is an 18-months master's program, taught in English, which offers a Master of Arts in Economics degree. PEPP-CEP General Track is best suited for international and Japanese students wishing to acquire expertise in economics, econometrics technique and cutting-edge analysis of economic issues in developing/developed countries.

For more information: <http://pepp-cepgt.hass.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

Japan Video Topics (JVT)

Japan Video Topics , which features fun and easy to understand videos with original music covering a wide variety of fascinating topics as well as the latest trends in Japan are now being featured on Nigerian TV stations such as AIT (Africa Independent Television), and NTA (National Television Authority). The Embassy of Japan appreciates AIT and NTA's cooperation.

There are six issues in a year, each containing videos of 3 to 4 minutes in length providing insights into Japan. That is how we know new topics are coming! Their exceptional quality has made them popular with viewers of nearly 300 TV stations in over 100 countries.

You can catch these programmes from time to time on these stations featuring topics such as Japanese food, Green tea, Arts and Culture, Japan's high speed railway (Shinkansen) , Kaizen (Change for better in Japanese) and many more. Hopefully we will get to see some of them in Nigeria.

JVT are also available on the website: <http://web-japan.org/jvt/index.html>