

The first meeting of the Japan-Nigeria Business Facilitation Council (JNBFC)

On 18th November, Japan and Nigeria had the first meeting of the Japan-Nigeria Business Facilitation Council (JNBFC). The establishment of the Council was agreed between the Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe and President Muhammadu Buhari of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, during the summit meeting in August 2019 (at TICAD7) in Yokohama, Japan.

At the First meeting, Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, H.E. Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo, represented by Mr. Edet S. Akpan, President of Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Prince Adetokunbo Kayode and more than 60 stakeholders were in attendance. The Ambassador of Japan to Nigeria, H.E. Ambassador Yutaka KIKUTA, and Ms. Yewande SADIKU, Executive Secretary of Nigeria Investment Promotion Commission were designated as co-chair of the Council. The Concept Note containing its purpose, organization and operation was also adopted at the event.

This Council will identify issues, discuss and find possible measures to resolve the issues, and follow up on the implementation of the measures involving all relevant Japanese investors and Nigerian Ministries, Government departments and agencies (MDAs), institutional lenders and other authorities concerned with business. The Council shall produce its Annual Report. At this Council meeting, Ambassador Kikuta stated that the Japanese investment would bring job creation, technology transfer, capacity building and it would be for the sake of future benefit of Nigerian Economy.



Appointment of Co-Chairs



Co-Chairs and Council members