

SPEECH FOR AMB. UKUR YATTANI, Ag. CABINET SECRETARY, THE NATIONAL TREASURY AND PLANNING, DURING THE SIGNING OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR THE MOMBASA GATE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (I), THE MOMBASA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (I) AND GRANT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MOMBASA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN DONGO KUNDU AREA ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2019.

H.E. MR. RYOICHI HORIE, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya
Mr. Katsutoshi Komori, Chief Representative, JICA Kenya Office
Members of the Japanese Delegation
Government Officials Present
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Let me first congratulate Your Excellency for appointment as the new Ambassador of Japan to Kenya. Allow me also to welcome you and your delegation to the National Treasury to participate in the signing ceremony of the Exchange of Notes on provision of loan credit for the Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction Project and the Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development Project amounting to J¥ 84.890 billion or **Ksh. 82.713 billion**. We will also sign today the Exchange of Notes for Grant assistance for Infrastructure Development in Mombasa Special Economic Zone in Dongo Kundu Area amounting to **Ksh. 6.08 billion**. Let me on behalf of Government and the People of Kenya extend our thanks and appreciation to the Government and people of Japan for this support. The signing of these agreements today is a clear indication of our very strong and close bilateral cooperation between our two countries.

2. Your Excellency, I wish to record the appreciation of Government of Kenya for the continued development assistance that the Government of Japan has extended to Kenya since the beginning of our bilateral cooperation in 1964. As a Government, we are grateful for this valuable support to our development agenda. We note with satisfaction that the support has mainly benefited infrastructure projects which are key to the growth of our economy.

3. I am happy to note that to date, we have on a cumulative basis received from your Government financial and technical support amounting to approximately **J¥ 694.59 billion** or **(approx. Kshs. 615.83 billion)** making Japan one of our major bilateral partners.

4. Some of the projects that have benefited from the Japanese development assistance include the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology, the Kenya Medical Research Institute, Construction of Nyali, Kilifi, Mtwapa and Sabaki Bridges, the Construction of the Nairobi Missing Links Project and Embu Water Supply project, among others.

5. Your Excellency, Other Projects currently under construction through funding from your Government are; Olkaria IV Geothermal Power Station, Expansion of Mwea Irrigation, Mombasa

Port Area Road Development project (Dongo Kundu Bypass), Olkaria – Lessos – Kisumu Power Transmission Lines, Development of Mombasa Port Project Phase II and III Expansion of Ngong Road and Olkaria 1 Units 1, 2 and 3 Geothermal Power Plant Rehabilitation Project among others. Once complete these projects will no doubt contribute to the realization of the Vision 2030 which aims at transforming Kenya into a middle income country providing high quality of life in a clean and secure environment.

6. Ladies and Gentlemen, to deepen our cooperation further we have today signed the two Exchange of Notes on provision of loan credit for the Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction Project and the Mombasa Special Economic Zone Development Project amounting to J¥ 84.890 billion or **Ksh. 82.713 billion** and Grant assistance of **Ksh. 6.08 billion** for Infrastructure Development in Mombasa Special Economic Zone in Dongo Kundu. On behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya I thank the Government of Japan for this support.

7. The Loan Credit amounting to **Ksh. 46.574 billion** will be applied for the construction Mombasa Gate Bridge over the Likoni Channel in order to improve trade and tourism. The completion of the bridge over the Channel will significantly decongest the City of Mombasa by providing alternative to the Likoni Ferry, allow free movement of marine vessels that need to access Kilindini Harbour, as well as enhancing traffic flow from the mainland to the South Coast.

8. The remaining portion of the Loan Credit amounting to **Ksh. 36.139 billion** will be applied for development of Special Economic Zone with the aim of boosting the Manufacturing Sector in line with the Government Big Four Agenda as well as creation of new jobs for Kenya citizens and therefore contribute to higher economic development of the country. The project will also enhance container handling capacity at the port of Mombasa. I wish to inform Your Excellency that Dongo Kundu SEZ is one of our flagship projects identified to boost economic growth of our country.

9. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Japan for providing the loan credit for the two projects under very high concessional terms. The credits will attract an **Interest Rate of 0.1%, Repayment period of 28 years** and **Grace Period of 12 years**. These terms are therefore favourable under our current borrowing policy.

10. Regarding the Exchange of Notes for the grant of **Ksh. 6.08 billion** that we have also signed today, I wish to inform that the grant will be applied for development of Phase I component of the for Infrastructure Development in Mombasa Special Economic Zone project which includes, the provision of water supply to the proposed construction of the first Berth at Dongo Kundu, land levelling and drainage works.

11. Your Excellency, let me state that the Government of Kenya is keen on expanding economic and technical cooperation with the Government of Japan for mutual benefit of the two countries. In this regard, I wish to inform you that the Government is now implementing the **“BIG FOUR” Agenda** which will be H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta legacy. The Big Four Agenda will focus on food security, affordable housing, manufacturing and affordable healthcare as key pillars during the next five years. The implementation of the Big Four Agenda will create jobs, which will enable Kenya citizens to meet their basic needs. Jobs will transform the lives of citizens from that of hardship and want, to new lives of greater comfort and well being. The government will therefore align its budget to “Big Four Agenda” for faster growth of the economy. We remain hopeful that the Government of Japan will support the Big Four Agenda.

11. In conclusion Your Excellency, allow me to congratulate and appreciate the Government of Japan for recent hosting of the TICAD VII Summit in Yokohama, Japan whose theme **“Advancing Africa’s Development through People, Technology and Innovation”** resonates well with our development strategy. I was part of the H.E. the President of Kenya delegation that attended the Summit and had an opportunity to meet with JICA Vice President for discussions touching on bilateral cooperation. Finally, Your Excellency, I wish you a memorable stay during your tour of duty in Kenya.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU YOUR EXCELLENCY.





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The signing of the Exchange of Notes for Loan Credit and Grant assistance for the above mentioned projects will be held on 20th September, 2019 at the Treasury Building, 14th Floor Large Boardroom stating at 10.00 AM. The Ambassador of Japan to Kenya will sign the Agreement on behalf of the Government of Japan.

Beneficiary Ministries have been invited to witness the event.

In view of the above, we have prepared relevant speech at b.o.f. for your reference during the signing ceremony Sir.

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