

On 15 August 2022, Ambassador HORIUCHI attended the 1st lecture under the JICA Chair Program co-organized by the African Union Commission (AUC) and JICA Ethiopia Office. The theme of the lecture was “Education for Development in Africa: Experiences & Lessons from Japan”.

First, H.E Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI) of African Union delivered the Opening Remarks.

Secondary, Dr. KAYASHIMA Nobuko, Senior Research Advisor of JICA (former Senior Vice President of JICA for Education) provided the lecture entitled Educational Development in Modernization in Japan & JICA’s Current Education Cooperation Policy, followed by the presentation: Uniqueness of Japan’s cooperation in the education sector in Africa made by Dr. YOKOZEKI Yumiko, Director of UNESCO Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA).

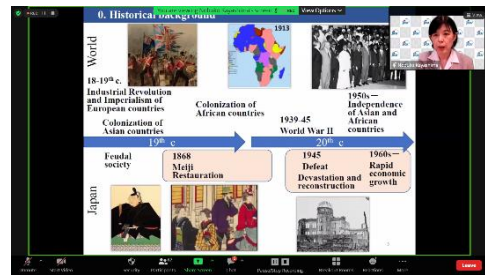
Finally, Ambassador HORIUCHI made the Closing Remarks, saying that Dr. KAYASHIMA has given us a very informative insight on the experience and lessons of Japanese education during the Edo and Meiji era and post-World War II and that Dr. YOKOZEKI made her presentation based on her experiences both in Japan and in Africa, and that the history of Japan’s quest for prosperity will surely be a good hint for Africa. He hoped each one of the attendants will come up with a way and a model which they could adapt to their own country or, more broadly, to Africa’s context. Additionally, Ambassador HORIUCHI also introduced that Dr. KITAOKA, the inventor of this JICA chair and the former president of JICA, had mentioned, in his book “The Meaning of the Meiji Restoration”, “What Japan did in that era was that the best talents in the country are fully tackling the most important issues which the country faces.” Ambassador HORIUCHI touched upon the fact that the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8) will be held in Tunis, Tunisia on the 27th and 28th of August, led by the Japanese government in cooperation with the African Union Commission (AUC) and international organizations. While referring that by 2050, one out of four people in the world is forecasted to be African population, of which 60% would be the young age group, Ambassador HORIUCHI said that through TICAD8, Japan would like to work with all partners to support such young people who are the future holders.

About 60 AUC officials and others attended the lecture, and actively exchanged their views on the contributions made by the Japanese education to its post-war development as well as how to apply such Japanese experience and lessons to the African Continent.



Opening Remarks

H.E Prof. Mohamed Belhocine, AUC Commissioner



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Dr. Nobuko KAYASHIMA,  
Senior Research Advisor of JICA



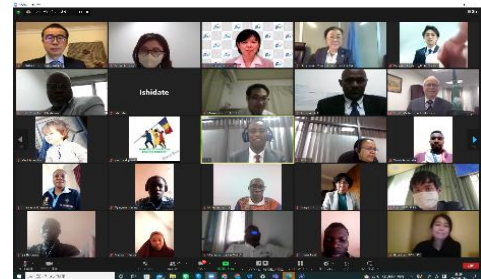
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Closing Remarks

Ambassador HORIUCHI



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