

National Day of Uganda

Publicity

Arigato to Izumisano, Tateshina citizens

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As we celebrate this year's Independence Anniversary of the Republic of Uganda, on behalf of the Embassy and its Staff, I extend warm greetings and felicitations from the President of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the Government and People of Uganda to their Imperial Majesties and Family, the Prime Minister H.E. Fumio Kishida, honourable members of the Diet, all arms of the Government and the People of Japan for their continued support for and friendship with Uganda.



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Uganda and Japan enjoy a long-standing relationship manifested by the fruitful cooperation and partnership in the economic, political and socio-cultural sectors. This cooperation has resulted in mutually beneficial advances in the following key areas, namely infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, education, ICT, tourism and health, among others.

In this regard, Uganda applauds the Government and the People of Japan for their excellence, generous hospitality and warm reception during the recently concluded Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The fact that it was safely and successfully done amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, which has sought to disrupt our daily lives as a global environment, is especially commendable.

I also take this opportunity to convey to the entire Management Team and

Citizens of Izumisano City and Tateshina Town, our deep and sincere gratitude for the outstanding reception and dedicated support extended to the entire delegation of Team Uganda who camped in your midst for Pre-Games Training at the accommodations and training facilities availed to us.

The spirit of your kind, friendly and solid actions of support for Team Uganda laid a solid foundation for the eventual sterling performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by Team Uganda, which emerged second on the African Continent and 36th out of 206 Countries, territories and other competing entities. In particular, I would like to give commendation to Ms. Kana Suto "Namuli" and Mr. Ken-ichi Shiiya "Yiga," who both excelled in their total active commitment and dedication to the cause of Team Uganda, before, during and after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

With the resounding success registered during this encounter, coupled with the cherished twinning arrangements [Gulu City Council (Uganda) x Izumisano City (Japan); and Kapchorwa Municipal Council (Uganda) x Tateshina Town (Japan)], the Embassy is convinced that such success is a viable spring-board upon which further cooperative and collaborative arrangements with the two entities, and hopefully more, will be constructed through negotiation and conclusion of more viable, multi-purpose memoranda of understanding (MoUs) in the not too distant future.

We are optimistic that the establishment of the Offices of Uganda's Honorary Consul in Hokkaido Region under former Japanese Ambassador to Uganda H.E. Kazuaki Kameda and in Kinki Region under the President of Saraya Co. Ltd., Mr. Yusuke Shiro Saraya, will act as a link to further



Courtesy: @VisitUganda

Runner Joshua Cheptegei poses with the 5,000-meter gold and 10,000-meter silver medals he won at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

strengthen the bilateral relations between Uganda and Japan in the areas of trade, investment and tourism, as well as people-to-people relations in Japan.

I would also like to reiterate that Uganda, the Pearl of Africa, is one of the safest destinations in the world and continues to echo a message of commitment to sound health and excellent hospitality. The beautiful sights and sounds of Uganda await you as you traverse the numerous game parks, view the scenic lakes, rivers and countryside, and enjoy the regional cuisine and the beautiful scenery that is unique to our country. The current health protocols in place by the Government of Uganda continue to ensure the safety of not only the Ugandan people but also visiting tourists.

As part of this year's celebration, the Embassy in collaboration with the Uganda Tourism Board has launched the "Let's Discover Uganda" campaign, which will run for three weeks (Oct. 9 to 29). Interested participants are re-

quested to follow the official Instagram, Facebook or Twitter accounts of the Uganda Tourism Board Japan Office (see below), and to comment, share, repost or retweet at least one of the following tourism activities that offer unique and rare experiences.

1) Gorilla trekking in a World Heritage National Park: Trekking tours in the wilderness forests of Uganda, home to half of the world's 1,000 mountain gorillas, which are listed as an endangered species.

2) Handicraft shopping in the capital city of Kampala: Buy a wide variety of handicrafts from Uganda, a multiethnic country consisting of more than 40 tribes, at markets and general stores.

3) Birdwatching in lush greenery near marine spots: Birdwatching in Uganda, which is rich in greenery and marine environments, is home to more than 1,000 species of birds, including the shoebill (hashibiroko in Japanese).

4) The source of River Nile Resort Stay: Lodging and water activities at a resort lodge along Africa's greatest river, the Nile, which has its source in Uganda.

By commenting, sharing, reposting and retweeting at least one of the tourism activities above, one can double their chances to be part of the 30 winners of any of the following Ugandan gifts: 1) a set of delectable dried pineapples by "FAR EAST BAZAAR" and coffee beans – topmost agricultural products; 2) a wooden sculpture of a gorilla – a popular souvenir; or 3) a "Kitenge" bag – known for its colorful fabric.

Follow the campaign at Visit Uganda Japan's social media pages:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/visituganda/jp/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/visituganda/jp/>



Courtesy: www.ugandawildlife.org

Kidepo Valley National Park in the Karamoja Region in northeast Uganda is home to over 77 mammal species as well as around 475 bird species.



Courtesy: Saraya Co., Ltd.

Muyenga Tank Hill Park-based Yamasen Restaurant scoops "Best Case of Quality"

Twitter: https://twitter.com/visituganda_jp


On this special day I avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate the Ugandan Diaspora in the tri-State area of accreditation – Japan, South Korea and Timor-Leste – and urge them to stay united, work hard for development

towards the realization of Uganda's prosperity and to remain dedicated ambassadors of Uganda wherever they are.

Finally, I thank all organizations that have supported the publication of this supplement.

For God and my Country.

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Izumisano City and Gulu City in the Republic of Uganda signed a Friendship City Agreement on the 18th of July, 2017 for friendship and mutual development and have since carried out a variety of exchange activities.

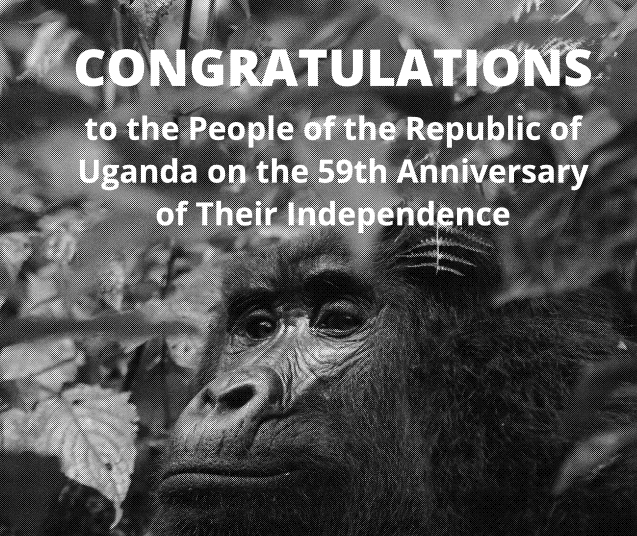
We supported, among other activities, pre-camp of the national team for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games as the host town of the Republic of Uganda.




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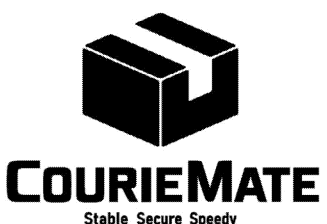
Through promoting Destination Uganda to Japan, we highlight Uganda's unique natural tourism assets and contribute to strengthening ties between both countries.




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