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Reinforcement of Cooperation Japan-Mauritius - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Service and Administration Reforms held seminar for the promotion of The Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI)

The Government of Mauritius is invited to attend the TICAD VI, which will take place at Kenyatta International Convention Center, Nairobi, Kenya on 27-28 August 2016. This will be the first time that TICAD initiated by the Japanese Government since 1993 is being held in Africa in order to refocus international attention on the importance and urgency of African development issues as well as to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners. TICAD is an international conference on African development co-organized by the United Nations Office of the Special Advisor on Africa (UN-OSAA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union Commission (AUC) and the World Bank. The main objectives of TICAD are: 1) to promote high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and their partners; and 2) to mobilize support for African-owned development initiatives. In order for Mauritius to be better positioned, JICA and line ministries of the government of Mauritius are exchanging information through today’s workshop.

The commitments declared in the precedent TICAD in 2013 has realised in partnership with the Mauritius Government. For example, the African Business Education Initiative (ABE Initiative) aims to enable 1,000 young African people from both public and private sectors to foster industrial and economic development, and to encourage more business partnerships between Japan and Africa. Participants will have opportunity to follow master courses at the Japanese universities and to do internship at the associated companies in Japan. Mauritius benefits from the program for which 2 persons from the Central Water Authority and the Landslide Management Unit in the Ministry of Public Infrastructure were selected in 2015; and this year, 2 participants from Wastewater Management Authority and Board of Investment to be introduced in this meeting will be warmly welcomed in Japan at the beginning of September.

During the today’s meeting, Government of Mauritius has a technical discussion on JICA training program which is among the main components of Technical Cooperation of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA). It is to be noted that Mauritius is continuously benefitting from this program with 108 Mauritian officials participated into the JICA’s training from 2007 to 2016.

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