

**TALKING NOTES FOR H.E. BARAKA LUVANDA, AMBASSADOR OF  
THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO JAPAN DURING THE  
COURTESY CALL ON MR. ANDO NAOKI, SENIOR VICE  
PRESIDENT OF JICA, 25 JANUARY 2023**

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Good afternoon Your Excellency,

1. At the outset, let me express my sincere appreciations for making time for us despite the busy schedule that you have at the beginning of the year. Thank you very much. I am especially, delighted to be able to meet you at the beginning of the new year as this gives us an opportunity to wish each other a happy and prosperous new year. But also, it is an opportunity for me to put your face on the name as we are meeting for the first time.
2. Excellency, allow me to express our sincere appreciations to the Government of Japan and to JICA for the strong partnership and friendship that has been built over the past 60 years. This enduring relationship has been a keystone of our economic growth, social development, and alleviation of poverty initiatives and programs in Tanzania for a record time.
3. But I also wish to particularly thank your good offices for the excellent coordination work in fostering a very positive working relationship with Tanzania and is particularly laudable as it spans from the Headquarters to the region and to individual countries like

Tanzania. I believe I can treasure on the continued support from your end as I discharge my mandate in Tokyo.

**Your Excellency,**

4. As I have just indicated, Tanzania and Japan through JICA have excellent bilateral cooperation at all levels, focusing primarily on: Nurturing driving forces of economic growth; Infrastructure development conducive to economic and social development; and Improvement of Governance and the Public Service Delivery. But for purposes of our meeting today, I will highlight the following few issues as follows:
5. The Government of Japan through JICA has been working closely with the Government of Tanzania to ensure that more Tanzanians have access to educational opportunities offered in Japan. For instance, JICA supports the industrial human resources development and capacity building for policy making, generally, and through technical cooperation under the Programme of the African Business for the Youth under JICA (ABE Initiative); and other 9 programs that provide higher-learning education opportunities for the Tanzanian youth to study in Japan in different fields such as agriculture, water, administration, finance, mining, and transport sectors.
6. It is for this reason, the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Honorable Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa when he met virtually with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on the sidelines of TICAD8 in August last

year expressed the appreciations of the Government of Tanzania to Japan for playing an important role in that front. However, Prime Minister Majaliwa did not stop from expressing the desire of the Government of Tanzania to see more scholarships in the areas such as Medical Care and Health, Engineering, ICT, Agriculture, Mining, Fisheries, Livestock, and Transportation.

7. In addition, Prime Minister Majaliwa urged the Government of Japan to also consider a possibility of offering our young people with sponsorship to pursue their undergraduate degrees in Japan as they constitute a critical mass in Tanzania. This additional request was reiterated by Honorable Prime Minister Majaliwa during the in-person bilateral summit with Prime Minister Kishida on 26 September 2022 in Tokyo. The status at present is that only master and PhD students are eligible for Japan's sponsorship programs. Your Excellency, these views I also shared with Ambassador Saida Shinichi, the Director General for African Affairs at MOFA, when I paid a courtesy visit to his office on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

8. Your Excellency, it is equally worth noting that during the said Summit Prime Minister Majaliwa drew the attention of Prime Minister Kishida on the need to accomplish the unfinished projects which were submitted by the Government of Tanzania during TICAD 6 and 7 including by addressing the financial gap experienced during their implementation.

9. He also expressed the hope that the Government of Japan through your good self will continue with the same spirit of supporting Tanzania in implementing the eight (8) projects which were submitted during TICAD8 namely, Rehabilitation of Morogoro - Dodoma Road to Bitumen Standard (260km dual carriageway); Irrigation Development and Watershed Management Project in the Lake Victoria Basin (IDWaMP); Lugoda Water Supply Project: which includes construction of Lugoda dam at Lugoda Village in Mufindi District, Iringa Region; Strengthening Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Capacity in Tanzania; Construction of modern four fish ports in Zanzibar; Establishment of laboratory and certification systems in Zanzibar; Rehabilitation of Wete Port; and Construction of kv 400 Somanga Fungu - Mkuranga Transmission Line.

10. Your Excellency, I will not end my remarks without underscoring the importance of those projects which are under your portfolio as well as those which are still in the pipeline for implementation namely, the Project for Improvement of Dodoma City Roads in Tanzania; the project for reinforcement of supply from Kinyerezi Power Station; Mtwara Thermal Power Plant and Transmission Lines Construction Project; and the construction of four critical intersections in Dar es Salaam namely, Mwenge, Morocco, Buguruni and Kamata.

11. And please allow me to put more emphasis on the Geothermal Power Plant Project in Tanzania, just to reiterate the sentiments by the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa when he

visited TOSHIBA Corporation in Tokyo in 2019 on the sidelines during TICAD 7. In short, Prime Minister Majaliwa emphasized the importance of diversifying resources of energy in Tanzania by exploring the thermal power projects. To this end, much as the Government of Tanzania appreciates support of the Government of Japan through JICA to other projects, it would appreciate if JICA could extend its assistance to this project (Mtwara Thermal Power Plant) not only at its initial stages but also to the end through a grant financing, if possible.

12. Your Excellency, I would like to also touch on another important issue which is the conclusion in November 2022 of the Osaka Special Training Programme for Supporting Local Government Reforms in the United Republic of Tanzania. Since its inception in 2000, the program has provided an opportunity for a good number of Tanzanian decision makers to sharpen their understanding, knowledge and expertise from the Japanese Gurus that have been very instrumental in fostering *Decentralization by Devolvement* in Tanzania. At the closing ceremony of the training of the last batch on 31 October 2022 in Kobe, I heard the strong sentiments of the attendees that the Government of Japan through JICA should consider extending this important program and/or establish a new capacity building programme under technical assistance framework. Your Excellency, I am sharing these sentiments with you as I did with my Colleague, Ambassador Yasushi Misawa when we met in

December last year; and as I have just intimated, with Ambassador Shinichi two weeks ago.

13. Your Excellency, it would be a remiss on my part if I concluded without reiterating once again, the appreciations of the Government of Tanzania to the JICA for the continued support which has enabled us to undertake various socio-economic development projects for the well-being of our people. To name just a few, the recent completed projects include, the Kinyerezi I&II Power Plant Project, the Namanga and Rusumo One-Stop Border Posts, the Mfugale Flyover, and the New Bagamoyo Road (from Morocco to Mwenge) and the Malindi Fish Landing and Marketing Facilities in Zanzibar, which were formally inaugurated on January 10, 2023, by His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

14. In closing, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome and a request for support in organizing an event to commemorate 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Union of the United Republic of Tanzania on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Our humble request would be for your good offices to support us the same way as you did during the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tanzania's Independence in December 2021. The practical details can be shared with you once the request has been accepted.

*Thank you very much, your Excellency.*