

**SPEECH BY MR. TOMIO SAKAMOTO, CHARGE D’AFFAIRES
AT THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
GRADUATION CEREMONY OF REBORN KYOTO AT GVTC
ON 19th JUNE 2015**

- Ms. Yasuko YAMAHIRA, Project Director of Reborn Kyoto
- Ambassador Charles Murigande
- Mr. Gad NIYITEGEKA, Director of Gacuriro Vocational Training Center (GVTC);

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mwaramutse, Good morning,

It is my great honour to attend today’s graduation ceremony organized by the international NPO, Reborn Kyoto. I thank Ms. Yasuko Yamahira, Project Director of Reborn Kyoto, to have invited me today. I also thank WDA and Gacuriro Vocational Training Center for your efforts in facilitating Reborn Kyoto to be active in providing life empowerment project for youth.

The Government of Japan has been contributing to African development for a long time following the principles of Official Development Assistance (ODA), such as economic infrastructure development, agriculture development, social service

improvement and human resources development. Japan has established a long and cordial relationship with Rwanda. Japan supports Rwanda's Vision 2020 which targets "Human Resources Development and Knowledge-based Economy", through its grant aid and technical assistance in Education and TVET sector.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may know, this three years project is funded by the Government of Japan with a total amount of about 800,000 US dollars which is approximately 500 million RWF. Now the second year has completed with a great success. I sincerely congratulate all the trainees who finished the second year, wishing them a great success.

Finally, I think that now the project can go on to the formation of the production unit using acquired skills and techniques. I hope all concerned parties will target high and do the best to make it. In this regard, I would like to thank UTEXRWA, IMPRIMERIE AZ MEDIA PLUS LTD, Gahaya Links, Nyamirambo Women Center, AIC (African International Club) for providing training opportunities to the trainees from Reborn Kyoto.

Murakoze cyane, Thank you.