



Japan Kenya Student conference 11th
Main conference Report book
In English

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Introduction

The Outline of Japan Kenya Student Conference

**Greetings from both sides
11th chairpersons**

**Greeting from Kenyan side 11th
chairperson**

As being the chair person for the 11th conference which was held between August and September was a wonderful opportunity to steer JKSC through the conference. Therefore i would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped us to make the 11th conference to be a success. During the pre conference we both Kenya and Japan side prepared seriously for the main conference which was done through Skype meetings, emails, face book and actual meetings we even had Nami (chairperson) and Satomi(finance) coming to Kenya for the preparation. We 11th conference members were committed and we worked very hard during the preparation and the conference itself which highly contributed to the success. The 11th conference would not have been successful without the people and companies that contributed towards JKSC financially or in kind Sojitz international exchange financial group and Yoshida Shigeru international exchange financial group etc...

Therefore, I would like to thank our supporters very much because you made JKSC 11th conference to be possible.

Moreover, I am thanking all JKSC members too for their hard work, commitment and teamwork to the conference. So I would like to urge the 12th conference to continue with the same moral for the continuity of JKSC.

Japan Kenya Student Conference 11th
Kenya side chairperson Alex Nyaga

**Greeting from Japan side 11th
chairperson**

I feel glad we could have 11th conference and can write this greeting. Thank you so much for everyone who supports our conference. In 11th conference, we made effort to create main conference with Japanese and Kenya side together. As a theme of main conference, we decided "Moving into future, hand in hand", which means we will struggle for the better future together from the same view.

Sometimes, this aim was difficult to achieve. The situation of Japan and Kenya, the way of thinking in Japan and Kenya were so different from each other, and then we couldn't understand why someone said or acted differently. But, through discussions, we learned little by little about other persons and understood our differences. That was important when we want to do things together, because we are all equal as a person and have to hear and understand the opinions of other people. Then, we can consider about other persons and can be thoughtful.

It can be said not only in the main conference, but also in our life. There is a word of Mahatma Gandhi. "It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."

At last, I want to say thank you so much for all the people in Japan and Kenya. If someone didn't understand this activity, we couldn't learn and experience. To continue this great activity, please support after 11th conference also.

Asante sana!!!

Japan Kenya Student Conference 11th
Japan side chairperson Nami Masude

Greeting from the founder

I really appreciate to everyone about the end of Japan Kenya 11th conference and publishing the 11th report book.

Japan Kenya Student Conference is the organization which conducts mutual understanding, internationalization, correspondence to the concerns of Japan, Kenya, and Africa, and international exchange or corporation. In other words, this organization is building the new civilization.

I also could see the part of main conference, and especially I was moved by facing the members who cried in the closing ceremony. I really admire students' energy and power of action in both countries and thank for many people who are supporting this organization.

Things will diminish. Heart and spirit will remain. The life of country will never last because of its material achievement. Other than that, it will last because of the great people who were born in the country. So, the students in Japan Kenya Student Conference who will have limitless opportunity to take responsibility in 21 century are exactly the property of country. I can't stop to hope that students will have the more meaningful; conference, build the better society, world, and future as a huge star who progressed in spirit, and shift the history.

Sorry to duplicate because I tell you about the following in the entire report book, but want to say this conference isn't founded only by me. I recognize each students and everyone who involved in are the founder of Japan Kenya Student Conference.

Please give us the courtesy support, advice, and understanding as before. I really hope this activity will last forever.

Let's tale action TOGATHER for a better society, a better world and a better future!!!

Japan Kenya Student Conference Founder
Chie Goto

The outline of Japan Kenya Student Conference

What is JKSC?

Japan Kenya Students Conference is a forum of discussion made up of students from Kenya and Japan. As University students, we engage in discussions and seek to produce solutions to issues faced at national and global levels.

JKSC was formed in 1999 with the purpose to create and promote avenues of cooperation between Kenya and Japan now and in the future.

A major component of these activities is our main conference between Kenyan and Japanese University students, facilitating an intense intercultural and practical experience in the alternate society, exposing conference attendants and those they meet to an entirely different culture, community and its issues.

JKSC is the only organization that specifically fosters mutual understanding and co-operation at the most basic level i.e. between Kenyan and Japanese university students.

A major accomplishment of this organization is that as well as having being started by a student, it has managed to remain as a successfully run student organization for the past more than ten years, having enabled students to not only travel but to experience cultural exchange first hand, it also has a lasting and invaluable network of both delegates and alumni from Kenya and Japan, therefore fulfilling its major purpose.

The history of Japan Kenya Student Conference

Year	Place
2000 :The 1st main conference	Kenya
2001 :The 2nd main conference	Kenya
2002 :The 3rd main conference	Kenya
2003 :The 4th main conference	Kenya
2004 :The 5th main conference	Japan
2005 :The 6th conference	Kenya
2006 :The 7th main conference	Kenya
2007 :The 8th main conference	Japan
2008 :The 9th main conference	Kenya
2009 :The 10th main conference	Japan

Chapter 1

About 11th Japan Kenya Student Conference

The Outline of 11th Conference

We Japan Kenya Student Conference continue for 11 years and held the main conference in Kenya at seven times. Through the activity of ten years, the problems about communication and difference of the finance which we had for a long time is now improving and the 11th conference took a new step to our problems.

The first thing we declared as a new step is the importance of before and after hand activities. Of course, it was regarded as important that Kenyan and Japanese people understand deeply about each other. In 11th conference, we award of the communication or activity with not only members but also many people in Japan and Kenya. We thought this'll help the understanding of Japan and Kenya from many points of view.

Moreover, we attached importance for togetherness of Japan and Kenya sides. We aimed Japanese and Kenyan discussed without haste for the preparation of main conference.

As keeping in mind the above mentioned, we did field trips to Nairobi, Nakuru, Egerton and Embu. Through visiting these places, participants was able to get a clear understanding of the ecological, economical, social and cultural aspects of life in Kenya. Exchanges and social gatherings with the local people at the visited sites were also held. For communicating and understanding Kenya more deeply, we held cultural event and picture book project. The cultural event involved other university students and citizens of the younger generation, was held in Nairobi. This involved the showcase of different cultural practices that define the two nations. The picture book project was held to create a picture book to act as a bridge between Japanese and Kenyan children. The project hopes to know the dream of Kenya and Japanese children.

The study session in 11th conference which is main point of conference was held in Egerton University. To deepen understanding on the themes, participants engaged in open academic discussions. We divided 5 discussion groups: HIV/AIDS, Globalization and culture, Youth creativity, Environment, Education.

After study session, we could have opportunity to present our opinions in Japanese embassy.

Through these activities in preparation, main conference and reflection, we think we could consider our role for future which will be created by all of us.

The Theme of 11th Conference

“Moving into the future, hand in hand”

Let's move to the future together with taking each other's hands.

Walk together for the better future while understanding each other beyond the frame of Japanese and Kenyan. 11th conference conducted activities with this theme. In the 10 year's Japan and Kenya conference, flow of date for 10 years, we felt the consciousness and foundation that 'make the conference together' were build. So, in 11th conference, we made contact between Japan and Kenya more and more. We faced many issues together. In this theme, our determination that we'll think what is 'the equal relationship with Japan and Kenya' more for the next decades.

Sometimes, it was difficult to believe every moment and carry out the activity together. However, it turned to be precious property for all of us that we could make trust in this 'hand in hand'. We can raise each other and create the future with our lifetime fellow.

Members of 11th Conference

※ Participants of main conference

Kenya side

- ◆ Alex Nyaga (Chairperson) ※
United Nation International University 4th

- ◆ James Righa (Vice-Chairperson) ※
Egerton University 3rd

- ◆ Stephen Gitao ※
Nairobi University 3rd

- ◆ Kichitaro Shiojiri ※
Nairobi University 3rd

- ◆ Catherine Maina
Nairobi University 4th

- ◆ Eric Lole ※
Egerton University 3rd

- ◆ Daniel Njau ※
Egerton University 3rd

- ◆ Annerose Waruhiu
Egerton University 3rd

- ◆ Isaac Ong'eta ※
Egerton University 3rd

- ◆ Lilian C. Korir
Egerton University 2nd

- ◆ Nancy N. Njuki
Egerton University 2nd

- ◆ Martha Wanjiku
Egerton University 2nd

- ◆ Victor Njoroge ※
United Nation International University 3rd

- ◆ Priscah Rotich ※
United Nation International University 3rd

- ◆ Gladys Ogendi ※
United Nation International University 2nd

- ◆ Hayzel Cherotich ※
United Nation International University 3rd

- ◆ Joan Mbithe Ndaia ※
Mount Kenya University 1st

- ◆ Herbling David
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture n
Technology 4th

- ◆ Caroline Wairimu Kamunge ※
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture n
Technology 1th

Japan side

- ◆ Nami Masuda (Chairperson) ※
Waseda University 3rd

- ◆ Satomi Imaizumi
(Vice-Chairperson/head of Kansai chapter,
Finance and International Relations) ※
Ritsumeikan University 4th

- ◆ Sae Nakamura (Public Relations)
Asia University

- ◆ Hiromitsu Terauchi (Project producer)
Nippon University

- ◆ Takashi Yoneda (Public Relations)
Kitasato University 2nd

- ◆ Michihiro Komori (Academic Affairs)
Chiba industrial University 3rd

- ◆ Momo Nakajima (Project producer) ※
Ryukoku University 4th

- ◆ Yayoi Moriya (Public Relations) ※
Kyoto University of foreign Studies
4th

- ◆ Akira Igarashi (Academic Affairs)
Rikkyo University 2dn

- ◆ Emma Tsuji (Academic Affairs) ※
Doshisya University 1st

- ◆ Koki Sawamura (Finance) ※
Saitama University 2nd

Chapter 2

Activity of before main conference in Japan

Start Camp of 11th Conference

The Outline of this project

【Day】 2009.December.26th and 27th

【Place】 Kanagawa prefecture

【Contents】

Decide each roles, project of main conference, theme of 11th conference, and make the proposal for found raising

The purposes of this project

The new members and members who belong to this organization from 10th conference plan to communicate each other. Also, we'll have the time to have things jointly about 11th conference's aim and activities.

Concretely, we'll decide the theme, projects that we'll conduct in the main conference, each one's role, time schedule, and so on.

Evaluation

It was great we could share things each other, especially about how 11th conference will be conducted. Three new members joined Japan Kenya Student Conference in this camp and the foundation of 11th conference seemed to be born. On the other hand, the discussion about how we'll have activities (for instance, how to get members) was less. But members who are scattered could meet face to face and shared our opinions for 11th conference or our motivation for Japan Kenya Student Conference, so we can evaluate at this point of view.



SCN General meeting

Outline of project

【Day】 2010/1/February

【Place】 Shibuya women plaza

【Contents】

A mailing list and establishment of the blog and talks of the barbecue interchange society.

Purpose of project

Will you know Student Conference Network (The following:SCN)? In the same way as an own group, there is a group holding a student meeting between other countries. It is SCN to connect them. The purpose of this network establishes weight for interchange with the other group and the information exchange.

By the meeting of the beginning of this year, there was it for the purpose of talking with an SCN mailing list about talks and contents of the barbecue interchange society to perform in April which established blog.

Evaluation

It was decided that I made an SCN mailing list and blog by this meeting. I did not get the mailing list only in a communication purpose and was aimed at utilizing it as a place of some interchange, and what each group updated as a principle once a week was promised for the blog. In addition, it was decided that it performed barbecue interchange party on April 25, and it was decided to prepare mainly on JKSC.



One World Festival

The Outline of this project

【Date】 6th and 7th, February

【Place】 Osaka international exchange center

【Contents】

The panel discussion by group of student organizations

The purposes of this project

We joined the one word festival, it's held every year at Osaka. There are many international groups, for example NGO, NPO, some UN groups, government group, company and student group. We took part in it to introduce our activity in Osaka.

Evaluation

We didn't have the event at Osaka so many, this event was only one event to join at Osaka in 11th conference. We joined in panel discussion; it's not the booth, so I think it was not enough to introduce our activity in this event. But it was good opportunity, because there were many student group activities in Osaka. This discussion theme is these, "where we get the special knowledge by students?", "the relationship between responsible of explain our activity and found raising" and "administration and motivation". We could see our activity in objectively.



YDP meeting Camp

The Outline of this project

【Day】 2010.March 1st to 3rd

【Place】 Takao mountain (Tokyo)

【Contents】

The students who belongs to Youth Development and Peace (organization for connecting many organizations) gather once a year and discuss about activities of each organization. Also they approve YDP's activity and budget.

The purposes of this project

Through talking with students in other organizations, we will find new things and improving points of organization ourselves. Moreover, it is hoped the action from students will be occurred through discussing with many students.

Evaluation

This year, about 15 organizations gathered. On first day, we talked about our organization briefly. Second day, we discussed why we joined the organization of each body and how we want to move in the organization. And last day, we did the approval of YDP's activity and budget. It was good we could talk about our organization, because each one belongs to different organization and experience different things. We could share our experience and advice each other. The best thing was we could make friendship, which transcend schools and circles' one.



Preparation in Kenya

The Outline of this project

【Date】 16th Mar – 2nd Apr

【Place】 Kenya(Nairobi, Nakuru)

【Contents】

Meeting with Kenya members, found rising, preview for main conference, etc...

The purposes of this project

Chairperson and vice-chairperson in Japan side went to Kenya and we have the meeting with all Kenya members about 11th main conference in August, and not only it, we talk the difference of stance taking part in Japan Kenya Student Conference, it is said before 11th conference from Japan and Kenya members. We go to the Japanese embassy to greeting and get the appointment using there in main conference.

Evaluation

We had the meeting third time in this preparation. It was good opportunity we talked not only main conference activity but also meaning of our activity, responsibility of members and more. We felt becoming the change Kenya member's motivation to JKSC activity for each member by working of chairperson and vice-chairperson in Kenya side. But, I felt anxiety for our activity because I felt the difference between Japanese university student and Kenyan university student while I spent with Kenya members. Especially, I felt greatly difference of stance Japanese and Kenyan. Then, we talked our activity vision and the provision as 11th with both chairperson and vice-chairperson. I really felt the face to face communication.



Recruiting session by YDP

The Outline of this project

【Date】 2010/8/May

【Place】National Olympic Center, Tokyo

【Contents】

We participated in welcome to freshman party supported by Youth Development Peace and Japan Network (YDP) . Each group introduced content of activity, using movie.

The purposes of this project

The main purpose is to find new members. Therefore, it is important to exactly tell them our activity. Also, the purpose is that we can make connection with the other groups.

Evaluation

Relative to last year, there were not so many as we assumed. But, we could make the circumstance participant can readily mix well with organizer through icebreaker. So, we could smoothly explain content of our activity. Also, another purpose is exchange between organizers. We could talk about our partnership.

So, we will also cooperate each other.

African Festa

The Outline of this project

【Date】 2010/12,13/June

【Place】 Red Brick Warehouse Square,
Yokohama

【Contents】

This festival is held under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs every year. Intention of this festival is “We hope for the nation to understand Africa and have an affinity with Africa”. The number of attendance is two hundreds ten thousand this year (one hundred eighty thousand: last year) because Soccer World Cup is held in South Africa and the weather was so fine. We advertised our activity and sold Kenya goods which chairperson and vice chairperson bought on March. These goods are Kanga, bracelets and wood spoon etc....

The purposes of this project

Scale of this festival is very great. So, we can have valuable opportunity to exchange with the people who are interested in Africa. Therefore, this festival is important for us to advertise. Introducing Kenya to many people is also very important.

Evaluation

We were openly satisfied to do this activity at this successful festival. But, if we had prepared sharing each part, we could smoothly do activity. We make use of this reflection: we will participate in this festival next year.



With Kenyan ambassador

Meeting for preparation

The Outline of this project

【Day】 4, August 2010

【Place】 National Olympics memorial youth center

【Contents】

Preparation and confirmation for execution of main conference

The purposes of this project

We will confirm the project and study session which we prepared.

Also we will confirm the schedule, baggage, and those we need to bring.

And for making the main conference worthwhile to every participant, we will talk about the purpose and aim of the conference together.

Evaluation

We could confirm about the project, study session, schedule, and so on. It made us feeling relieved because we could know what our role in the conference is. Especially, it was great we talked about the aim and purpose of the conference. We could share our opinions about what we want to achieve in the conference and enhanced our motivation for the main conference. However, we felt sorry that all the members couldn't participate in the conference. We thought we will make the conference great also for those members.



Chapter 3

11th Japan Kenya Student Conference

Schedule

We did the man conference activity for 14 days. We visited 3 cities (Nairobi, Embu and Nakuru) in Kenya.

Date	Activity
18th	Arrive in Kenya
19th	Opening ceremony, United Nation of Environment Programm
20th	Picture book Project in Kibera slum
21st	History of Kenya
22nd	Move to Embu from Nairobi
23rd	Home stay
24th	Home stay and culture exchange
25th	Move to Nairobi from Embu
26th	Move to Nakuru from Nairobi
27th	Study session
28th	Tree planting
29th	Study session
30th	Study session
31st	Move to Nairobi from Nakuru
1st	Preparation for symposium
2ed	Symposium and culture event
3rd	Closing ceremony

Diary

18th

It was a bright warm morning, when JKSC Kenyan members gathered at Kenya Youth Hostel at around 1030hrs. It was a great day for them as they prepare to welcome their Japan counterpart for the long awaited 11th conference. We left for Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at exactly 1100hrs where we arrived after twenty minutes.

In the waiting room chilled for one hour. Waited and waited!. Anxiety soiled everybody's breath till our eyes confirmed their faces at the check room. It was such colorful ceremony as we warmly welcome them with 'BIG' smiles, hugs, burners and handshake. Thrill and enthusiasm were on every one face.

Form airport we travelled back the hostels where we took our luggage. Since it was part 1300hrs, we left immediately for lunch in a restaurant in the neighborhood. 'Nice meal' everyone uttered.

After relaxing for like two hours, we walked back to the hostels. We spend most part of the afternoon settling down in the located rooms. In the evening, we took super early in the same venue since everybody was tired and we needed time to relax and know each other.

Before sleeping, we spend most of the evening for introductions and scheduling the next day timetable. It was an awesome day to experience and interact. When fatigue exhausted our patience, everyone visited their bed to enjoy the deep sleep.

(Daniel Njau)



19th

Today was the first official day of the 11th JKSC. We visited the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi's Gigiri, after which we held the opening ceremony at the Japanese Embassy.

At Gigiri we met the Kenyan representatives for the various UN agencies in the country. Each of them briefed us on the functions of their agencies as well as their contributions to the betterment of society and towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Some of the agencies we had the opportunity to learn about include UN

Habitat; which deals with human settlement, UNEP; which deals with environmental issues and UNIC; the UN's information centre that focuses on education and outreach programs. In addition we learnt about TUNZA; a UN youth initiative that aims at creating a common platform for youth from different countries to interact and communicate about global issues.

During the opening ceremony the chairpersons from each chapter signed the MOU after which we reviewed the activities and events planned for the duration of the conference. Though we had introduced ourselves the day before, the opening ceremony gave us a chance to learn more about each other. This was on the basis of why each of us joined JKSC, what we aim to get out of it and also how we can use what we learnt to improve our communities. This session at the embassy made us realize that though we come from different continents and backgrounds as young people we share the same goals and dreams. I think today's activities helped us learn our role in society not only as individuals but also as a youth group. I strongly believe it set us on a path to bettering ourselves and the environment around us. (Gladys Ogendi)



20th

The on the Kibera book project, at 7.30am, we took breakfast at the Kenya youth hostel and proceeded to Kibera slum at 8.00am. At 9.00am, we were at the Kibera Hamlets where we were given a warm reception and entertainment. Immediately, followed the much awaited picture book project and the children were able to draw various pictures of what they want to be in future. Later, we were given the background of the children's home and the proceeded for the Kibera tour and so many members including the hosts were shocked to see the real situation in Kibera. Finally, we went back to the hostel and had reflections of the day's activities before rest. (Isaac Ong'eta)

21st

We heard about problem of Kenya from UNEP and elementary school of slum gave us opportunity to think education and poverty. Those problems have been making history of Kenya. I think that we need to learn history because, it is very important to know history to know current Kenya. in the history plan, we heard about successive president and could see a lot of traditional cloths, accessories, pictures and object. Also, we could hear meaning of those things. We were able to reaffirm the tragedy of terror of the terrorism and innocent people having died from museum. I felt that it was great experience for all JKSC members to visit three museums. (Momo Nakajima)

22nd

We packed our baggage and prepared to go to Embu. This day was end of project in Nairobi, so I felt a little bit sad. But also I couldn't wait to go to Embu, because it was first time to do the home stay with 11th conference members. And this day, we were supported so much by Alex's family. We could stay in Mr. and Mrs. Nyaga's house, so that could prepare for home stay. Thank you for the great supporting. (Masuda Nami)



23rd

The day kicked off late. We were behind schedule as it was raining heavily. The morning showers were lovely but made us stay indoors. On that day we had an opportunity to teach Japanese members how to cook chapatti which turned out to be their favorite meal. We did not stick to the schedule as we were supposed to play out door games because it rained the whole day and it was too muddy. All in all the day did not go as seclude but for the food section it was amazing as those in charge did their part. Meals were on time and everyone seems to enjoy. Apart from some Japanese members who were not feeling well because of change of climate or may be the spices in the food. But in general the day was good

(Priscah Rotich)



24th

24th of August was the last day of our Homestay project. After waking up we had divided ourselves in groups, one group to go shopping for the cultural event and another

group to prepare for dinner. During the preparation we realized that we had some misunderstandings on doing the project but Yayoi and Victor had sorted that out so we were able to begin our work. I cannot do much cooking (some members laughed at me because of that) so I was talking other members and having a small fight with a small girl who lived at the house we stayed. When the shopping team came back me and Gladys went to ask Alex's grandmother if we can use the fire to prepare rice and after that I performed my only forte in cooking, flipping the Okonomiyaki (Meat and Vegetable pancake). While preparing, we argued whether to put the Tenkasu (An ingredient made from flower) first or after, and I remember Dan and Steve looking in to the pan worriedly, which are heartwarming memories for me. The Chirashi sushi (Rice with random ingredients), Curry, Ton jiru (Miso soup with pork, carrots and onions), Okonomiyaki was ready and was served. Though other members had kindly called me to have dinner with them we had made too much Okonomiyaki sauce we had to make I was continuing baking Okonomiyaki in the kitchen with Yone (Takashi Yoneda), worried whether everybody liked it or not. Then Nami (Nami Masuda) came back with an empty plate telling me that some people wanted more. Ben from the 10th conference member offered to do the baking for me so I went to eat some dinner to the living room and saw the Nyama Choma being cooked. I was so amused by the size of the meat and the good smell of the sauce. After eating we wore Yukatas in turns and enjoyed our night. (Emma Tsuji)



25th

The night before had been quite eventful so we all woke up a bit later than scheduled and rushed to get our things together. As we had agreed before on the duty roster there was no problem with getting the house clean. The dishes from the previous night were very many so we needed a few more people than usual to clean them, so Alex, Satomi, Yone, Emma, Nami and I were the ones to be doing it. We did a quick sweep of the house just to check if there was anything that we had overlooked by mistake. The matatus had arrived but could not come all the way down to the house as they would get stuck in the mud that would take hours to get them out of. So we trudged up and down the hill bringing up the luggage so that we could save time. We then had a photo session with Alex's family and said goodbye to all, especially his grandmother and aunts who were exceptionally kind to us during our stay. Then we hopped into the matatus and were on our way to Runyenjes where we only stopped to refuel before stopping to get our lunch. We still found a little traffic along the way but it was moving pretty smoothly so we still got to Alex's house in time. I then left to go shopping for a few household requirements with Priscah, James, Gladys and Emma. It started raining so we took a little longer than expected but we bought all our food stuffs along with some medical supplies that would prevent us from getting malaria and being too sick to fully enjoy our participation. We returned home where we cooked supper for everyone and organized the sleeping arrangements so we could all have somewhere to sleep. We ate, socialized and finally everyone succumbed to their exhaustion and went to bed because we had to travel all the way to Nakuru the very next day. (Caroline Kamunge)

26th

On 26th Aug, we traveled from Nairobi to Egerton University. We used two matatus since we had many luggages. When we stopped by the famous Great Rift Valley we couldn't hide our excitement to the grandeur. Watching Nakuru Lake, which is famous for flamingos, in our sight we continued our trip. I couldn't take my eyes off of the scenery because I was so moved by the beauty of it. I cannot forget the big cloud beyond the mountains. Also I felt warm by looking at everybody sleeping inside the matatu. After we arrived at Egerton University, I and some members ran around Egerton University. Egerton University had such beautiful scenery. We prepared our cottages and held a meeting for reconfirming our schedule for the following days in Egerton. (Emma Tsuji)

27th

We did the study session, today was the first day. We made 5 groups and discussed each topic. Our group talked about education system and issue in each country. We enjoyed doing the game in the room, because of rain, after the study session. (Satomi Imaizumi)



28th

Today, we did tree planting with cooperation by Egerton University. It was really good for us to refresh between the study sessions. It was so hard work to dig, but I felt everyone enjoyed the activity. Also, I could learn about fewness of the forests in Kenya. I hope that the trees we planted grow to part of forests and last with JKSC. (Yayoi Moriya)



29th

Today, we woke up late. Today's plan was to do the study session, but we did the whole meeting in a hurry, because many problems occurred last night. After meeting and taking lunch, we took a walk at Egerton Garden watched Alpaca. (Yoneda Takashi)

30th

Study session began around 10:30am after we had breakfast and everyone was prepared for this since we only got limited time before the main conference.

The study room was filled with different atmosphere, at times everyone was serious and at some point I could hear people bursting into laughter. But this showed a lot of improvement from the previous day's tension that we all experienced. We got to share a lot about one's thinking and feelings from various perspectives. I had to miss lunch with Sawasawa to finish up content of our discussion but that was not a big issue since we were all jovial after the completion and we had to go for the sport event in one of the vast fields of Egerton.

Kenyan members introduced the local Kenyan game 'kati' which was more like dodge ball using a small hand size ball. But it all became competitive after the Japan side introduced dodge ball and we all played with the winning spirit. It was all fun fun fun!!

The winning team danced with joy and

mocked the losers. Everybody was totally cheered up with the event and totally flabbergasted with Sawamura's outstanding performance! It was a good experience after all we all became like kids and played to the fullest. (Shiojiri Kichitaro)



31st

We left Egerton for Nairobi. It was a very somber moment as we had good times in Egerton and some emotional ones. But it was fun in essence. Traveling to Nairobi was no problem as we just used the same means of transport. When we arrived in Nairobi we were all relieved because we were tired and just wanted to rest. But before we could rest we had to plan for the day after the next that was Symposium.

After planning the day and how we were going to prepare for the Symposium we all took a long rest back in our rooms. (Victor Njoroge)



1st

The symposium which is one of big event in

this main conference will be held tomorrow. We will express the result of study session eagerly discussed. So, we prepared the presentation very hard. Some members also prepared the cultural event. We hope our success as summation of this main conference. (Koki Sawamura)

2nd

The day for the symposium came on the 2nd of September members had slept very late the previous night because we were all doing final preparations. So on the symposium day we woke up at 6.00 am to prepare however people still looked still tired but after prepared and freshened up we were all good to go and prepare to take this day head on and make it amazing. At 7.30am we had breakfast but in a rush because we had to go to the embassy early enough in order to set up the equipment and also prepare further.

By 8.00am we were out of the youth hostel some members took a taxi to the embassy whereas others walked there though in a hurry. We arrived 15 minutes later and at 9.00am we every thing was set to begin. The visitors arrived from 9.00am. Thereafter, we had a speech from the chairperson Kenyan chapters Michael Alex Nyaga and he welcomed our visitors then the program went on.

JKSC members began their speeches. After three groups presented because of time we gave time to our guest speakers to do their speeches so Mr. Kikuchi did his speech then the JICA's representative Caroline Wambugu followed with her speech. Thereafter, the JKSC members continued with their group presentations. At around 12pm we had finished with the presentations and speeches from our guest speakers the session that followed was the discussions between JKSC, our guest speakers and the visitors which was interactive and participative because everyone seemed to enjoy the session because people were asking questions. The session took about half an hour and during that session we shared a lot. (Michael Nyaga)

3rd

All JKSC 11th conference members were we present at the ceremony. There were also guests like Chie Goto the founder of JKSC and

5th conference chairperson (please write his name I don't remember it)

All members made a small speech about the 11th conference which had come to an end. It was a sad moment for all the members as they recalled memories of the conference. We all wished it would last a little longer.

The selected chairpersons and other new leaders gave extra remarks about next year's conference. We finally watched a movie compiled by Victor which made us all very happy and sad at the same time an emotional moment indeed! (Stephen Gitau)

4th

We woke up a bit late at around 8.00am and it was a bright day which was also to be the last day of the conference but first we had to have a crisis talk to solve some issues. The meeting went on well as we understood our misunderstandings and within no time everything we back to normal. We took a late packed breakfast and everyone had to pack their luggage as we prepared to leave the hostel. I left at around 1.30pm and left the rest ongoing with their preparations. (Eric Lole)



Opening Ceremony

The Outline of this project

【Date】 19TH August, 2010

【Place】 Japanese Embassy

【Contents】

Speech from Kenya and Japan chairpersons, every member went through the Memorandum of Understanding followed by the signing of the MOU itself, Confirmation of the 11th Conference theme and the Nairobi schedule

The purposes of this project

The purpose of this project is for members to get to know each other through self-introduction which include names, university, what members are majoring in their respective universities.

We went through the MOU before endorsing it for signing by both the Japanese and Kenyan chairpersons.

We confirmed the 11th conference theme and schedule especially that of Nairobi.

Evaluation

We were able to know each other better and this was made easier due to the fact that we had already interacted at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) visit which unfortunately, due to the timing of the conference, came the morning before the opening ceremony. However, some members struggled to communicate with each other which were understandable especially for the Japanese members who were completely in a new environment thus taking longer time to cope.

Impressions

It was good to raise our motivations. Since we wore formal wears and it held at the Japanese Embassy in Kenya, our minds got even higher. When we arrived at Kenya, I actually had some anxiety for the Main Conference in unknown surroundings. However, the feeling was gone at the Opening Ceremony when each member presented their purpose for the Main Conference. I knew their thinking about JKSC and I felt from the bottom of my heart, "I want to complete this Main Conference with them." Also, the announcement by each member made our bonds stronger. (Yayoi Moriya)

Dressed up officially, we all looked sharp and really made a good impression for the opening ceremony for JKSC conference. We were all jovial for some had just met for the first time and for some it was a get together. We all presented our goal for the conference and how we came to know and join JKSC. Thanks to the organizers for having the event at such an exclusive conference hall at the Embassy of Japan.

The opening ceremony brought a new feeling of a new start and we all had our own excitement and ambition for the 11th conference. No one knew what was ahead of us and what we were going to experience in the coming 2 weeks.

The lunch near the Embassy also brought people closer through chatting and sharing about each other's feeling about the day and a small tingling tension for some were new and dint know each other well enough.

(Shiojiri Kichitaro)



At Japanese embassy

Visit to United Nation of Environment Programme

The Outline of this project

【Date】 19th August, 2010

【Place】 United Nation of Environment Program main office in Nairobi

【Contents】

Presentation of UNEP's projects and work
Explanations of projects in Kibera Slum by UN-Habitat (By UNEP's kind consideration on our schedule)

Introduced with One Billion Tree Programme established by Professor Wangari Maathai

The purposes of this project

We visited UNEP to know more of the projects that they do in Kenya and the rest of the world for us to learn more on how we too can take part to create a better environment.

Evaluation

UNEP is taking action in international development activities and the environmental branch of UN's operations by mainly facing with these six agendas. We were also introduced to specific projects such as the Nairobi dam project, which is a project to build Nairobi dam for solving the refuse problem in Nairobi River. Furthermore, UNEP had kindly invited a staff from UN-Habitat for us since they knew we were visiting Kibera slum on the next day. We learnt about a project to expand the roads in Kibera, project to construct habitats nearby Kibera through explanation and questioning. Our activity had become very fruitful by learning comprehensive information about UN not only on the environmental branch but from UN-Habitat's perspective also. We would like to express our gratitude to UNEP and UN-Habitat who has given us a marvelous opportunity for us.

Impressions

We visited United Nations Environment Programme. I'm interested in environment issue, therefore it was a very good opportunity for me to listen to the story from United Nations Environment Programme, and its role is dealing with environment problem on the line. In addition to it, they talked about activity in Kibera slum in Nairobi and Mui Forest, we were going to do project in 11th main conference, so I felt our activities were fulfilling.

I thought speaker's English was a little rapidly, it was difficult to understand the story. But, we shared and discussed about it in after visiting, so I could understand it more deeply. (Satomi Imaizumi)

UNEP was a wonderful experience. Firstly, it is very fascinating. Well build infrastructures of international standards, beautifully groomed etiquette flower beds and grasses, the scenery looks gorgeous; very environmental friendly, reason, it is United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) head office.

In the conference hall, we were warmly welcomed by a few representatives from UNEP and UN at large. We had a very interactive session and we learnt a lot about UNEP activities on environmental conservation and development programmes both regionally and internationally. Being a body of United Nations we also learnt a lot about UN and its organs.

As we left, everyone had a big picture about its existence and its benefits to the international community. This was one of the most memorable events I ever experience about the various hardships facing the world and the many ways the UN is intervening to solve or reduce menace. However, a few days later after visiting Kibera there were some rising questions about UNEP participation on upgrading Kibera slum being the largest in the world. These questions left unanswered till the end of the 11th conference. (Daniel Njau)

Picture book Project

Outline of this project

【Date】 20th Aug 2010

【Place】 Kibera Slum,

School: Kibera Hamlets

【Contents】

To visit Kibera and mingle with the kids and bring the gap closer between the kids in Japan and Kenya through the picture book.

The purposes of this project

Children from both countries, have no idea of what each experience on either side. They don't get the chance to know each other in their daily life and therefore, the main purpose was to create an opportunity for the kids to know and feel about each other through this picture books project.

Evaluation

Picture book project:

We visited the Kibera Hamlet to make picture books with children. Kibera slum is the 2nd biggest slum in Africa. As soon as we arrived, the kids entertained us through their acrobatic performance. After the performance, we introduced Japan using Kamishibai and the picture book drawn by the Japanese children

Children looked so happy and fun while they were drawing their dream. Their smile made us happy and fun. We got the chance to discovery new things and gave us a lot of good experience.

Kids from Hamlets drew their dreams and the JKSC members gave support through the activity.

Photograph was taken for each kid holding their piece of paper with their dreams in it and we shared biscuits, sweets and juice with them.



Talk with the Hamlets Teachers:

We got this great opportunity to share with the teachers in Hamlets and we learnt a lot from the short discussion as we shared our lunch together.

The teachers in Hamlets neither have qualification for teaching nor receive salaries. They do their work in voluntary hands and they appreciate their work. The kibera hamlets came about when one of their members decided to form a group and try to find one's talent that each could try focus and come up with something that could help to earn their living and assist their community as well. At first they had the ambition to make lots of money through their acrobatic performance; however, they came to realize that it was not the right way since they started having conflicts between them and the community. They changed their mode of spending their income that could assist themselves, the kids and the community around. How to spend their money was their greatest challenge and they managed to concur their way through the brilliant idea of making payments for schools and colleges for the teachers for further education, than making salaries of which will end up being spent for alcohol and drugs.

Visiting around Kibera:

After the talk, teachers gave us a guide through Kibera. We could now visualize a lot of places in the slum from what we had in our minds. Visiting the slum was a first experience for most members and many of us had an image of the slum being dirty, stinky, poor people with no jobs and dreams before we got there. The real slum was surely messy, and there were many roads which were buried

with garbage. However, we all came out with clearly a different image from what we had known from the past. We realized that the people in Kibera have energy and are really hard working for their lives and each has a role within the community. Children have dreams and they keep a good smile all the time, despite their living condition. The kids are really amazing that they are very happy, active and energetic.

The project gave us an opportunity to think from what we saw in the real slum and we could now come up with a new question that despite of having gap between the poor and the rich, what really brings happiness among our lives?



Impressions

The purpose of the Picture Book Project was 'To Create a Relationship between Kenyan Children and Japanese Children' and I say that we were able to fulfill it. Though I only participated in the Kibera Hamlet part of the Picture Book Project, I remember a boy behind me whispering "Seita... (Japanese boy's name)" and peered intently to the pictures of the Japanese children had drew and the maps of Japan. Also, when we were taking photos of the children I came to realize that the pictures drew by the Kenyan children were similar to the Japanese children's pictures. I hope that they were able to feel the existence of their fellows that live faraway but share the same dream.

(Emma Tsuji)

Today's trip to Kibera was a bit of a shock to me. Never before have I had a chance to see and in a way experience what life is like on the

'other side'. Most Kenyan youth that don't live in Kibera or other places like it either don't care or prefer to ignore the plight of societies less fortunate. We tend to believe that if we can't see it then it doesn't exist, however this trip forced us to open our eyes and face the consequences of society's ignorance.

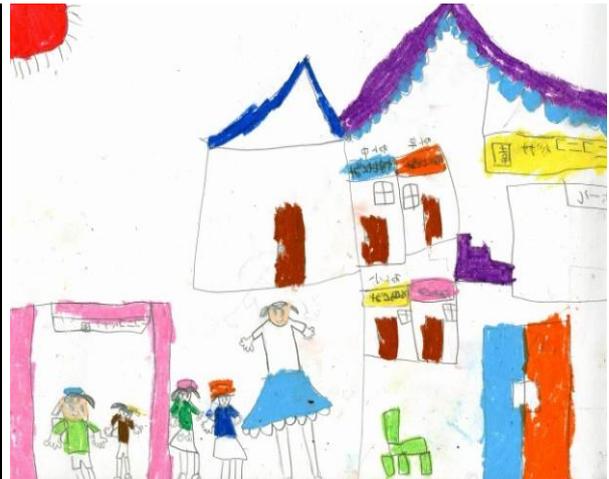
As we walked through Kibera one constant question in my mind was 'why isn't anyone doing anything about this?' But after a while that question became 'why haven't I done anything?' Most of us operate with the mentality that it's others that should help us rather than looking first at ourselves for those illusive solutions.

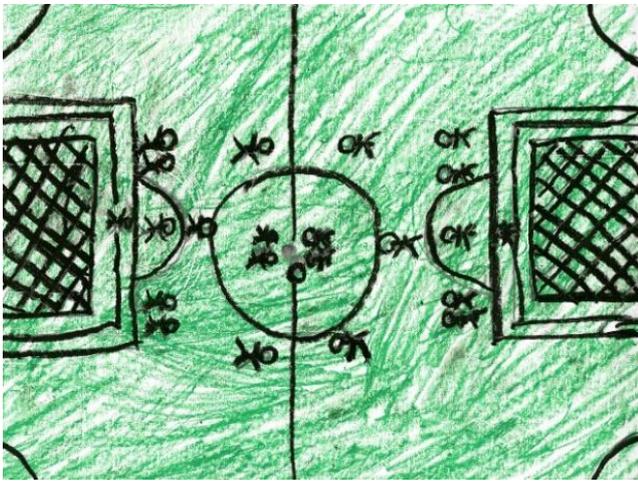
The vibrancy and sheer determination of the youth and children of the Kibera Hamlet gave me hope, passion and determination. They showed us that you don't have to wait for an outsider to come and give you solutions to your problems. The solutions are always there the only question is whether or not you're going to rise to the challenge and face your problems head on.

The picture book project gave us an opportunity to expose the children to a different culture; most of them didn't know where Japan was until we showed them. When they shared their dreams with us it helped strengthen the notion that we are all the same people; just in different packages.

(Gladys Ogendi)







PAULETTE
I would like to be a
Footballer.



INNOCENT
Mimi na
penda ku
chwa ku
nga ngamba
pia napen
da kucheza
mpira
I love to
play football
and I am a
football boy



History of Kenya

The Outline of this project

【Date】 2010/08/21

【Place】 Nairobi

【Contents】

Visit to Bomb blast memorial, National museum, and Kenya archives and understand about history of Kenya

The purposes of this project

When we do activities that connect us to human societies, it is necessary to be aware of the fundamental history of that society. The purpose of learning about the history of Kenya was to get a deeper understanding of Kenya and to make use of that knowledge in other activities.

Evaluation

August 7th Memorial Park

On August 7th 1998, suicide bombers exploded a bomb in a truck outside of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. This act of terrorism was committed by terrorist network named al Qaeda. This memorial park was built to commemorate those who perished in the blast. We saw people's sorrow and the victims' anger and felt that we have to remember this crime in order to keep the peace. We also saw a movie that depicted the story of this act of terrorism. We were able to know the act was committed, but on the other hand, the movie only America point of view about this incident. We felt sad because the movie was one sided.



Nation museum

The National Museum of Kenya is a State Corporation established to collect, preserve, study, document and present Kenya's past and present cultural and natural heritage. The museum houses priceless collections of Kenya's

living cultural and natural heritage. The museum also features collections of various preserved wildlife specimens. By visiting the museum we were able to enhance our knowledge, appreciation and respect for Kenya's natural and cultural heritage. Kenya has a rich and diverse heritage, and also a great deal of biological diversity. This visit was important for us to appreciate these resources not only for the benefit of Kenya but also for the world as a whole. The more we learn about the history of our countries and the resources that they have, the more we realize how important it is to preserve and sustain them for now, and for posterity.



Kenya archives

The Kenya National Archives (KNA) is situated in the business district in downtown Nairobi serving as a reservoir of Kenya's historical and ethnographic knowledge. The archive houses an extensive collection of artifacts and photographs representing both Kenya's and Africa's diverse cultures and rich history. It also contains a wealth of documents dating back to the colonial era. While at the KNA, we were able to come into contact with records, letters, literature, photographs, arts and crafts, and many other sources of information that gave us a glimpse into Kenya's historical past. Exploring the intricate historical collections of the KNA was both fun and informative. However, we also realized that a considerable amount of time is needed to exploit the resources at the KNA. We hope that this visit was able to draw our attention to the KNA's resources and how to better utilize them.

Impressions

First, we went to the Kenya National archives where there were many artifacts. After seeing the statue we saw a lot of artifacts from different tribes. The jewels were very beautiful and I was fascinated by the swords and shields. Next, we went to the August 7th memorial park. The American embassy was previous located in this park. However it was attacked by terrorists on August, 1998. I realized that I knew very little about world affairs. 218 people died during this attack and their names are carved into the memorial wall.

Last, we went to the National museum of Kenya. There were many stuffed animals here which really interested me so I wanted to view them slowly. However, we didn't have enough time. I felt a little sorry because I still continued to view them slowly but I still had a very good time.

(Yoneda Takashi)

At the Kenya National Archives we learnt about Kenyan history and culture through preserved documentation of important events in Kenyan as well as the various ethnic groups in the country. The statues and various ethnic symbols were fascinating in their intricacy and methods of crafting.

We also visited bomb blast where we were informed of what happened during the bomb blast, the number of deaths and its impact on both America and Kenya. We also had a chance to visit the national museum where we got a chance to see various types of preserved animals, birds and also African culture.

From the national museum we gained knowledge of the different varieties of flora and fauna in the country. The displays of animals at the museum enabled us to learn about the animals that used to exist in Kenya and also the current constitution of wildlife.



Home stay

The Outline of this project

【Date】 22th Aug – 24th Aug

【Place】 Embu

【Contents】

Experience the Kenyan traditional living style, cultural exchange event and rest

The purposes of this project

Japanese members experience the Kenyan traditional living style through the living with Kenyan members at countryside. And we will be familiar with each other in work together. In addition to it, we know each country cultures more.

Evaluation

I have to say it's one of the best experiences I have ever had as a group. The main idea was to familiarize the Japanese members with the Kenyan way of life. We got a family to host the whole group at Embu town which is the rural home place of Alex.

The home stay was to take three days from Sunday to Wednesday. Sunday was a good travelling day as we all travelled from Nairobi to Embu. During the whole of the home stay event we all worked together and the co-ordination was perfect. The ladies both Kenyan and Japan used to prepare meals; Breakfast, lunch and supper. The guys used to wash the utensils, the house and fetch water.

The programme of the home stay event was not strictly followed due to the many household duties we had to do. On the first day, on the second day of the home stay we were supposed to wake up early in the morning and milk the cows but it was not possible since every one woke up late because of the previous day. We also did not have enough water and we had to fetch it at a distant place. This also made as no to have time to go for sightseeing.

During supper we had the cultural night where the Japanese members prepared Japanese food. (The Miso soup, Ikonomiaki and the Maki sushi). The Kenyan guys also prepared some nyama choma. Everybody enjoyed and the climax of the event was the fashion show where we wore our cultural

cloths and had a photo session. Everyone looked like fun in their dresses and it made it a memorable moment.

Impressions

We could experience traditional daily life in home stay. It was hard work to make dinner and wash hair. But, we could enjoy our home stay life and could get great time. I think that in the home stay, our relationship was more deeply than before because, we could have a lot of chance to make dinner together and talk with all members. Therefore, I felt that home stay was so nice plan for all members. (Nakajima Momo)

It rained almost incessantly, but then again that is August weather in Embu. The only means by which to cook was by firewood and with neither the Kenyan nor the Japanese side being particularly skilled at cooking with firewood, the meals took us longer than was projected to prepare. And with the slow pace of the cooking due to the firewood's slow-burning nature, lunch had to start being prepared very soon after because otherwise people would have to wait a lot longer for their lunch to be ready. This obviously decreased the amount of time that we could interact together and socialize, but we made up for the lost times during meal-times.

As the person in-charge of all the meal preparations, I experienced firsthand the difficulty we had with the whole cooking process and the firewood. But we did not allow it to dampen our spirits or even discourage us. It was a new experience that we would all relish. I found that our method of getting different people to help with the cooking for each meal helped us to grow together and interact in a fun way.

We especially liked the last night when the Japanese members thrilled us with their cuisine, which included Miso soup and Okonomiyaki among others. This helped us appreciate the due process and work that goes into making Japanese food just as they appreciated the process that went into making Kenyan food.

The sharing and interaction was the most thrilling aspect of the whole home stay, getting to live and share living quarters with people who have different habits and of different cultural backgrounds as you even if they are from the same country as you are.

It was an exhilarating experience for us all.



Tree planting

The Outline of this project

【Date】 28TH August 2010

【Place】 Ngongongeri farm

【Contents】

Tree planting exercise held at Egerton University Ngongongeri farm by the 11th conference members.

The purposes of this project

The purpose of this tree planting project is to embrace one of the JKSC goals which is “Environment and Wildlife conservation.” Thus, we boarded a bus to a tree nursery for collection of seedlings courtesy of the Faculty of Environment and Resource Development (FERD). We proceeded for the exercise where every member offered his/her participation.

Evaluation

Trees play a crucial role as fundamental components of the biodiversity that forms the foundation of living networks and systems that provide us all with health, wealth, food, fuel and vital ecosystems that our lives depend on. The exercise was a success as we met the objective by planting 150 seedlings thus playing some part in saving our environment. It was amazing to how each member worked tirelessly to see the exercise through, although, some members struggled to cope with the hard work. Nevertheless, everyone planted a tree. “When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope” by Prof. Wangari Maathai. Later, we were given a talk on environmental conservation from B. M.J. Ngoda, a lecturer from the department of Natural Resources where he emphasized the need to conserve our environment not only by tree planting, but also through other ways including stopping global warming.



Digging was hard work!!!

Impressions

Tree planting was to plant young plant which grew at Egerton Uni to level ground. At first, it was difficult to dig a hole, and the distance of holes were too long or too short, so it was hard work for us. However, we (Kenyan and Japanese) cooperated, and we hoped some years later, we can actually feel that this project succeeded because the young tree become bigger and bigger. In this tree planting project, we can recognized to cooperate each other and tree planting are very important. (Takashi Yoneda)



We hope this tree will grow and can be seen after 10 years

Cultural Event

The Outline of this project

【Date】 2010/09/02

【Place】 Japanese Embassy

【Contents】

The cultural event was a filled with food, art and music. The people of Japanese Embassy prepared Japanese dishes as lunch for us. After lunch, Japanese members with the help of the Japanese Embassy showed the Kenyan Members plus some invited guests how to make Origami and how to write Japanese calligraphy. The Kenyan side presented the art of beads making. Everyone participated in making bangles and necklaces. We culminated the event with traditional songs from both the Kenyan side and Japan side. Everyone brought an end to an enjoyable sharing of cultures.

The purposes of this project

The purpose of the cultural Event was to have an exchange of Kenyan and Japanese cultures. Also, it's to have a better understanding of the two great cultures in sharing. It was also used to create an atmosphere where we could come together and know each other a little better at a personal level.

Evaluation

The cultural event at the embassy was after symposium, so every member looked relieved. In the event, Japanese Embassy provided some Japanese dishes as lunch. It became good ice breaking among members and the guests. This cultural event was really exciting as we all learn a bit of the crafts from each cultures, the Kenyan side learnt how to make origami and write Japanese calligraphy while the Japanese side was able to make African ornaments from beads. This was a time to just let all our child hood creativity bloom as at the end we all sang songs to mark the end of the event.

Impressions

The cultural was an event specially designated for Japanese and Kenyan members to showcase different aspects of their diverse cultures through music artier and food. There was an array of Japanese food at offer, which we delightfully ate to our fill. There was a Japanese video topic that we all watched. There was also a short session whereby we did some Japanese calligraphy (SHOODO) and also played some Kendama. We also had some fun with some music whereby we both sides sang some songs.

(Stephen Gitau)

The Cultural Event Project was mainly about the exchange of food, clothes and music.

Beginning with the favorably received Origami session we had done the beads session by the Kenyan members and calligraphy session mainly by calligraphy experts Nami and Yayoi. During the project the some members had wore Yukatas and interacted with the visitors. It was a great opportunity for JKSC to be able to introduce many Japanese cultures to many people throughout the sessions. In the last the JKSC members had performed some songs to the visitors. From the Kenyan members 'Malika', the Japanese members 'The only flower in this world (Sekai ni hitotu dake nohana)', and 'Jambo Jambo' with the whole members. This project was mainly about the exchange of food, clothing and music. Looking back at the project, I believe that we had also succeeded in interacting with each other's thoughts, people and heart. My impression to this project is that we had earned a lot more than we had expected.

(Tsuji Emma)



Closing Ceremony

The Outline of this project

【Date】3th September, 2010

【Place】 Japanese Embassy

【Contents】

Speech from Kenya and Japan 11th chairpersons. Speech from all members. Speech from both country 12th chair person and vice-chairperson. Watch the 11th conference movie.

The purposes of this project

We share the impression about 11th main conference with all members. And 12th chairpersons present their thinking for next conference.

Evaluation

This closing ceremony was a good opportunity to be able to share our thinking about 11th main conference. Some member cried to remember 11th main conference and preparation. The founder of JKSC came to closing ceremony, she also speech to us. And we hope next conference from listening 12th chair person and vice chairperson speech.

Impressions

The closing ceremony revealed the connections that we had formed amongst ourselves and the special experiences that everyone had helped create during the conference. From the personal accounts of the conference that each member gave, I realized that this conference was an emotional experience for everyone involved. I felt that everyone had achieved a deeper understanding of what JKSC really stands for and its values. I was glad and proud of what we had achieved together, hand in hand. As each member talked about their experiences and opinions of the 11th conference, I felt that this conference was a really big step for JKSC in solidifying the bond between the Japanese and Kenyan side. It was obvious that a lot of effort and passion had been put into the preparation of this conference and seeing that collected effort lead to the materialization of a successful conference we had all hoped for,

was truly a special moment.

Also, this closing ceremony was of great significance to me on a personal level since it marked the end of my time in JKSC. It was a little overwhelmed by the emotions building up inside me during that time knowing that this might be the last time being together with most of the conference members. Besides this being my last conference, I was happy and proud to have shared the 11th conference with such a wonderful group of individuals.

I was also impressed by the presence of the JKSC founder, Chie Goto, Kambe Sensei, and other JKSC alumni. We are grateful for the support throughout that time and for there well appreciated presence during the closing ceremony.

(James Nzau)

As we held our last project, the Closing Ceremony, our time in the main conference had come to an end. During the Ceremony it was not surprising to see some members showing their tears as they had each given a speech, since our conference has been a success including our misunderstandings, debates and enjoyable memories. The Ceremony, which lasted one hour, seemed to condense our whole three weeks, making us remember the times we had spent together and the issues we had discussed.

I cannot forget the speech our founder, Chie Goto, had gave to us. "You can experience JKSC in three parts. The first part is Before the Conference, the second part is the Main Conference and the longest part is the third After Conference." The Closing Ceremony was held to draw an end to our main conference but her speech made me feel that that line is continuing to our future. I wish all my best to every person who is involved in what we have done, doing and will do.

(Tsuji Emma)



Chapter 4

Study Session

The Outline of the Study Session

The study session is a project to create a new perspective, value after discussing on global agendas and issues that are in common between the two countries. All projects are connected to this study session and are also the core of the main conference.

In the study session, the discussions are lead by the theme which is decided every year. The members study about their topic and deepen their interest, knowledge and awareness of the issues. Those skills will be developed during the study session during the main conference. Thus, JKSC is able to hold a very high qualified and meaningful study session.

The study session is the project which materializes the philosophy of JKSC. This project is not held only between Japanese students and Kenyan student but between each individual, students show their ability with all their experience, knowledge and sense of views to seek the possibility of a creating better society.

The purpose of the Study Session

The biggest aim is to seek the possibility of creating a new society and creating a new value. Presently we are attaching importance to the process of exchanging our experience and sense of values though dialogues more than the evaluation on the possibility/details in materializing the results.

The reason why we lay emphasis and take this project seriously is because JKSC is aiming to brush up the dialogue skills, which is a skill that is very important in expressing opinions and it is a skill that can be used in any field. We also aim to send people who can perform their ability in the international society with diversified views, spirit of cooperation and ability in expressing opinions.

The outline of 11th Study Session

We did the study session in 5 groups, 18 people.

Preparation

We have expected each member to do a deep research. Especially for the Japanese students, it was important for them to output and brush up their opinions at this stage since they were not used to English. Also, there was an movement to set a sub theme for each main theme, although we were not able to finish this during the preparation. We tried to share each member's interest and attention on each topic by setting the sub theme before the main conference. This aggressive attitude towards the study session will be a big step for the future study sessions to become a more meaningful project.

During the Study session

Though we cannot say that three days of discussion, which include the preparation for the symposium, was enough, we had done a very aggressive discussion during the whole time. Every team did their discussions in the same room and we had set a time schedule so the project was very organized. For the first day most teams continued their discussion even though it became time, so we had flexibly arranged the time to an approximate length.

Overview

We think that it was a very good thing that we were able to act as Japan Kenya Student Conference. And at the same time talk densely in a small group. For example the education team was able to ask other members how they have entered university. Other teams were also able to share each other's new discoveries and to hear some ideas from other team members.

Education

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Issues

1. What is education?? ... we think
 2. Education system in japan and Kenya
 3. Education problem in japan and Kenya
 4. Solution to education problem both country
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1. What is education??

Each member's idea.

- Being able to speak, write, read and understand new information. (Alex)
- School opportunity to meet and make friendship as we learn through experience (Momo)
- Passing knowledge from a person who is more knowledgeable to a person who is less knowledgeable. (Eric)
- Providing opportunity for the students to think about their dreams and have hope in their life (Satomi)

Our thinking

Education is a passing of knowledge from a knowledgeable person to a person who is less knowledgeable giving them the ability to learn, speak, write and read. Moreover, giving them the ability to learn from their teachers and their peers generally giving them the opportunity to select what they want and make positive choices concerning their lives.

2.1 Education system in japan and Kenya

Japan Education system.

- Elementary school 6-12 years
- Junior high school - 13- 15 years
- High school 16-18 years
- University 4 years

University education- A period of 4 years, but

student can go to university for a maximum of 8 years. And they can get the degree when they graduate the university. Some faculty like the medical, medicine and veterinary student have to go to university for 6 years.

The students that don't make it to the university join either:

- Junior college 2 years
- Technical collage 2 years

Kenya Education System

- Nursery school 3-4 years
- Primary school 4- 13years
- High school 14-18years

University Education – A period of 4 years for majority of degree programmes, but others take more time like Engineering 5 years and medicine about six years.

The students that do not qualify for university education can either join:

- College education 2-3 years
- Polytechniques 2-3 years

The colleges and polytechniques do not offer degrees only diplomas.

Those that do not join either of the two get into the job market.

2.2 Examination system to go to university

Kenyan examination system

Major exam is done after finishing high school. This exam determines whether a student is going to join the university or not. For public universities students must get a grade of B+ and above to join regular degree program. But there is an option of a parallel degree program where a student with a grade of B- and above may join. Another option is private universities where a student with C+ and above may join.

Japan examination system

- Public universities
 - The students have 2 exams that are taken during high school.
 - Every student takes the first exam. Their score determines which university exam to take.
 - Second exam is the original exam from each university.
- Private universities
 - There are many exam types.
 - First exam, all students take this exam, e.g. they take 5 subjects but the numbers

of subjects depends on the faculty.

- Second one, taking only 3 to 5 subjects depending on the faculty and university.
- Third one, the recommendation of the student character from high school.
- The other option is called the escalator system. The universities have high schools. The students from these high schools can easily join the related university.

3. Education problem in Japan and Kenya

Education problems in Japan.

- The education system does not encourage the individual thinking. This becomes very difficult to express the students' new ideas. The government encourages group thinking (collectivism) because it is seen as a way to develop the country.
- The quality of the education is dropping since there is an increase in universities and fewer students to join them. This makes almost all the students from high school have access to education.
- The level of education one has is very importance for a student to get recognition. This makes the less educated to be less fortunate in the society making it very hard to get a job.
- The universities focuses more on making sure the students get jobs instead of giving quality education. This has made universities to be like job hunting tools. It becomes very easy to graduate since the exam is easy.
- The career opportunities are focused more only on the level of education and other important factors are not considered. This includes the personality of a person, the extracurricular activities, the creativity and the job experience.
- The education is expensive in the cities but cheaper in rural areas.
- The system is more focused on the passing of the exams, this leaves out the deeper understanding of the subject. This discourages the students from having their own thinking.
- Presides idea is so risky. Because thinking is only one side. It is not only Japanese problem.

Education problems in Kenya.

- Access to education. In Kenya, there are many children, but the school is not enough for them, also public university is only 7. The Kenyan government does not good support for them. The children who living in country side are not able to get the opportunity of education and also their children's home is very far from primary school.
- 8.4.4 Education system in Kenya is too long. Because student going to primary school for 8 years is waste of time. It is better to study more in high school.
- Lack of facilities in high school and university is problem. For example, there is no library, old building and laboratory. The university is also same situation.
- Free primary education. Increase the number of children who want to go to school but there is not enough school. And 1 class has so many children, like over 200 children. And also improve the poor education and lack of facility because the government support is not enough.
- Bulling. crazy and shopping
- College schools are out to get money not giving student a proper education and there are fake schools expansive in Nairobi.
- In some faculty, professor teaches a lot of theory in class. This is not practical problem, focus on the book education, so student not use that theory in working.
- Gender education gender problem. Especially girls don't go to school because in the country side there are not so many opportunity to get the education. And girls will marriage then them burring the money, so their parents think it is not need the education for girls.
- The teacher is no enough in Kenya. So, some schools share the teacher. Why there are not enough the teacher?? Because of there are only 3 universities having the education facility in Kenya, and also government cannot employment the teacher because of finance problem. In addition to it, high school teacher need the degree and professor of university need a PHD and Master, but student don't go to that course.
- Strike

4. Solution to education problem both country

Japan side solution

- To grow up the individual thinking in Japanese education to do the competition and symposium each school and to make the tournament system to do it in all Japanese high school. In Kenyan high school, there are the competition and symposium, so student make the unique idea and some project. So if Japanese high school takes in this system, students develop their individual ideas.
- Japan teacher also change the way of teaching to encourage the students to getting involved in the individual thinking.
- The high school in Japan should teach more Japan history for the students to get to know their country more. So, the education curriculum has to put the Japanese history in high school class and they learn about it for 3 years.
- The education system is concentrating more on white collar jobs this has affected the agricultural industry and has lead to high importation of food in the country. The education system should more encourage the blue collar jobs.
- When student decide the university, they thinking of which university is good for job hunting or easy to pass the exam in good university. But they should think what I want study in university and teacher improve the students thinking.

Kenya side solution

- The government should change the perception of recognizing only the educated in the society. The less educated should be given a chance in learning technical skills which will help them to provide themselves.
- The government should improve the rate of building the schools. More schools are needed to enable to every child to have access to education.
- Change the 8.4 4. System to a new education system that is more efficient and effective, e.g. the Japan education system 6.3.3.4.
- The government should improve campaign about the girl child education. This will convince the parents take their

girls to school especially in rural areas. This problem can also be solving by having more girls high schools in Kenya.

- The issue of early marriages can be solved by having campaigns by the government to abolish early marriage. This increases the numbers of girls going to school.
- Strict measures should be taken to the students that are involved in bulling of students. These students should be expelled from the high school and serve as an example to the others.
- The government should pump more money to the schools for the improvement of school facilities e.g. libraries and laboratories etc. the government should also make sure the funds are well utilized
- The government should also stipulate guidelines on the establishment of colleges and universities to control schools that are set up for money.
- Practical education should be encouraged in universities and colleges to enable students to become more competent in their carriers.

Conclusion

- Education should show the difference between and educated person and a person who is less not educated.
- There should be deeper meaning to education to avoid learning only to get a job.
- The context in the text book is not enough.
- The universities and schools should establish exchange programs where the students can visit other countries and broaden their thinking. The exchange of teachers from different universities is also necessary to bring in new ways of teaching and new ideas.
- Education should be more interesting to make the student be interested in learning. e.g. more practical's, extra curriculum activities etc
- The countries should work together hand in hand to improve the education system as we move forward to the future

Impressions

It was great opportunity for me to discuss about education because, I am not interested in education before we discussed it. I felt

that education is very important through this study session because, the education make person' identity, character and fundamental idea. Also, I think that education is kinds of brainwashing and can control people' mind. Therefore, we need to know various education and education systems. I really don't know Kenyan education system before. I surprised 8.4.4 education system in Kenya and there were education system which I could not understand. I think that Kenya members also had a lot of questions about Japanese education systems. I think that it was great to tell each other about different education systems between Japan and Kenya. Thanks to other members of education teams, I really enjoyed study session. (Momo Nakajima)

I had a wonderful time to share and discuss about education in Kenya and Japan. I learned a lot of new things and I keep sharing what I learned with my friends. I got more aware of the Kenyan education system and what can be done to improve. Thanks to the Education team for making it possible. (Eric Lole)

This study session was very good opportunity for me, because I want to be a teacher. Japan and Kenya, both country have many education problem even the problem type is difference. I think education and school education have a possibility that country will be better. I hope all children can get the not only knowledge: studying it's only to pass the exams, but also high quality education for making more happiness world in both countries. (Satomi Imaizumi)



Education

Globalization and Culture

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Issues

- Globalization and culture in our world (How was this globalization made?)
- Finance
- Language
- Food
- Impact of Globalization on culture
- Americanization
- Homogenizing effect of Globalization on Cultural Identity
- Globalization and Business culture

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Definition

After WWII

Traditional culture is changing rapidly to modern culture and integrated. For example, clothing, behavior, language, believes, taboos, and religions are changing to similar things around the world through technology or economical system. So, we're now aiming for creating better modern life.

Globalization and culture in our world

Finance and globalization culture

We looked at the effect of financial power and how it influences globalization. It was seen that nations that have stronger financial and economic influence are able to exert greater cultural influence on other small cultures.

The system of the world is Capitalism, so it's easy to import or export culture. But some countries have over power to other countries, so only some countries can have profits.

Also, the strong Western culture influence to other countries, for example women nowadays tend to work and some of them don't want to marry, because the Western lifestyle seems to be ordinary.

Language

From 16th to 19th, because of the Empire or colonization, about 4000 language are distinguished. And from 20th to 21st, because

of the Globalization, about 3000 language are distinguished. So, the rapid extinction of language can be said the problem of Globalization.

Actually, French and Arabic and English is so popular in these days because they had national countries' system and colonization. And the other minority languages are now faced to extinct. Also, the social structure influences to language. Country side keeps traditional language and rural area doesn't have.

Especially, English is now becoming our common language. Why does it spread so much? One of the reasons is business. We want to do business with English because companies want to run in other countries. Then, the English education is so popular in these days also. Of course, it's ok if we have the national language and education of national language enough, but in African countries, Education is provided in English and parents don't want to pass their own language to children because it's not profitable for them.

Food

We have similar foreign food, and food is becoming industrial thing. Of course, the exportation of culture can create variety. But on the other hand, there're negative points. For example, junk food is becoming major and the life style of fast food makes communication less and less.

Powerful nations can offer industrial food because of the opening for the market, and there's problem that they have chemical or fault problem. Globalization also makes people shift to Global companies' food instead of local one.

More specific discussion

Americanization and cultural diversity

Effects of Americanization on culture Though American culture has spread all over the world, it was built by many kinds of cultures like Spanish or emigrants. It means American culture is multi culture. American music, movies, and dressing are everywhere now. It also effects the education in some countries. For example, in Japan, they listen to American pronunciation as model at the English classes.

<Positive side>

• cultural diversity

If we adopt foreign culture, we can gain multi-culture and open our eyes to many cultures. Moreover, because of adoption, we want to know our own identity more and more, then we can understand our culture as well.

• Democracy will grow

Western countries spread democracy, and then the world has transparency of policy, freedom of speech, and so on.

• Economic growth

Because we adopted Capitalism and can have network with many countries, we can do the business effectively.

• Tribalism

Tribalism will break out when Globalization spread, then we can have better infrastructure.

<Negative side>

• Lack of communication and health

We have digital thinks like TV, game, and then our face-to-face communication and exercise will diminish which we had in tribalism.

• Education

It's connected to lack of communication. In the family or our community, we don't have enough communication. So, parents can't tell the children their knowledge and tend to rely on school so much.

• Bad habitats

From movies which are made mainly in Western countries, young people think drug, gun or junk food is really cool, and then they have bad habitats.

• Conflict

Especially between the Western and Islamic world, there're so many conflicts, because Islamic people think Western countries are controlling our world.

• Neo-colonization

Now the colonization is over, but because of the globalization, we forced to adopt Western products and cultures.

• Population

The lifestyle is becoming modern and people don't want to have so many children. So, the birth rate is declining, especially in developed countries.

• Interrupt

Even if someone wants to change by own ideas, Western people go and help them

because they have power. So, it's difficult to develop the own things.

Homogenization and cultural identity

Definition:

Homogenization means the world will be similar and becoming the same way. Cultural identity means value, food, dress, beliefs: everything!

<Positive side>

- People have similar commonsense

It's easy to communicate and understand each other. It's convenience to have business among foreign countries.

- People can access variety of things, like foods, music and so on.

Homogenization might stimulate us to be interested in our roots

<Negative side>

- People lose their traditional cultures

Ex1) Music: some of tribal music is pushed away by the industrialized music.

Ex2) Languages: At least 3,000 of the world's 6,000-7,000 languages (about 50 percent) are about to be lost by increasing of English speakers.

- People might lose their original identity.

Globalization and business culture

Situation:

Companies go out to foreign countries, because they have infrastructures for the business around the world. The market is open and liberalized, and countries can't block from that companies.

Influence:

We can easily access to foreign products which didn't produce in the own country. Then, local companies will die because it can't grow through influence from foreign big companies. Concerns that globalization threatens the viability of locally made products and the people who produce them. Foreign investors are able to take over major revenue enterprises, for example, tobacco and textile industries in Mali.

Conclusion

To sum up, globalization influences cultural identity. Globalization in a deeper sense promotes.

It is called cultural identity.

Cultural differences should remain and coexist with globalization.

Science and technology make the world globalized; hence people are closer than before. E.g. JKSC

Kenya and Japan can learn from each other about how to preserve their own cultures. I.e. the teaching of social studies in all levels of education.

International trade affects people's livelihoods and their most basic social and economic rights.

When a people's social and economic rights and patterns are affected, their culture is overall affected too.

Economic growth without social and cultural justice cannot be the idea of sustainable world development.

Developed countries have a crucial role to play in the process of globalization.

Globalization should restore people's dignity and sense of identity.

Impressions

We all know that globalization is coming or has already come. Globalization means liberalization, in other words, countries has to accept everything which came from the other countries. In this case, the strong countries, companies, people will get the profits.

It is said Japan is developed country and Kenya is developing countries. So, if we think about globalization in this point, we tend to think Japan will get profits and Kenya won't. But I think this isn't true. Japan had wall to the strangers, so that we have to have a strong strategy to the globalization, so as to Kenya. I could know this thing from this discussion and want to learn how to survive this globalization, more and more. This was one of the most interesting discussions I've ever had. Thank you so much. (Masuda Nami)

I have been interested in the effects of globalization, so this discussion was so worthy for me. Globalization is not composed by one thing and there are many sorts of social phenomenon as reason of this situation. Although cultures are naturally changed with lifestyle of people, our cultures recently have been changed faster than the past. And it has both faces, positive and negative. However, people may not be able to break the

globalization at least right now. I felt it is really important to have our own identity and hand down what we shouldn't forget. One thing that I'm sure is this time let us together. Japan and Kenya are both parts of the world and be apart, but we could be friends and have discussion. With this best feeling, I will approach the effects of globalization more in the future.
(Yayoi Moriya)

I was glad I was part of the globalization and culture group largely because this topic presented a wide range of interesting issues about our world today. Before I began looking into the topic, I had sketchy ideas about what it was all about. I was able to gain more insight through the discussions that I had with the other group members. It was very informative and eye opening to learn about the opinions and the views of the other group members about the topic. This experience made me want to learn more about globalization and I hope to continue this interest and share it with others.
(James Rigba)



Globalization and culture



Environment

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Issues

- CO2 emission into atmosphere
 - Temperature change and Global warming
 - Unusual climate
 - Effect of unusual climate and climate change
 - Oil spill
 - How to improve the environment
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CO2 emission into the atmosphere

Main source of CO2 emission is that vehicles, industries, and waste disposal. Vehicles is that the exhaust fumes of motor vehicle is a major cause of excessive emissions of CO2 into atmosphere .This mainly occurs in urban areas because of heavy traffic. Due to this, there is a lot of air pollution and smog is very common in large cities like Nairobi.

Industries are that this especially in industrial cities may emit excessive CO2 into the atmosphere. Such industries are like thermal power generation, tire industries, and steel industries. During the processing of their products, the raw materials used may be converted into finished goods; but in this process, many gases and waste products are carelessly emitted into the atmosphere. CO2 is one of these gases. Waste disposal is vital to the environmental situation. Burning of garbage may cause a lot of emission of CO2 into the atmosphere. In Japan, burning of garbage in ones house (compound) is banned. This is due to the high rate of emissions into the atmosphere, as compared to how garbage management companies may dispose of garbage. In Kenya, there is a big waste disposal problem. Most of the garbage collected ends up in large dumping sites. In Nairobi, most of the garbage is dumped in Dandora dumping site. The garbage is burnt

without any regulation whatever. This process emits a lot of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Furthermore, the dumpsite is an eyesore and also a health risk to people in surrounding area.

Temperature change and Global warming

An increase of 1 °C may cause dramatic change in the eco-system and eventually human beings. But, for this change affects mostly animals and plants. 1°C change may not be easily visible or felt by human beings but animals and plants behavior and survival is greatly undermined. Over the last hundred years in Japan, there has been dramatic change. The highest degrees Celsius have been recorded recently, and also the ski park opens late. Also the rainy season also becomes longer many disasters occur like flooding. In Kenya the weather patterns are no longer as predictable as they used to be (like 10-15 years ago). The long rains, which usually occur from March to May start late and end early. That is from April to mid May. Similarly, the short rains during November and December are also not so heavy and last only for a few days and disappear. The cold month of July is not as cold, and is now also experienced in June and August.

Unusual climate and climate change

Climate is the average weather patterns in a particular place over a long period of time usually 25~30 years. Climate dictates the landscape of a place therefore directly affecting human life due to the economic activities possible in certain climatic regions. For example most people in Kenya who live in the high lands are usually farmers (agriculture) unusual climate is when the climate changes creating phenomena that is not expected or abnormal as compared to the usual climate. For example, flooding and flash flood drought, typhoons, hurricanes, cyclone, global warming.

Effect of unusual climate and climate change

We are focused on these things. For example vegetation, animals/wildlife, agriculture, social and economic activities. Vegetation is plants in general especially the plants that are found in a particular area or environment. The climate dictates the type of flora that exists within a particular area. Vegetation is

controlled by mainly rain patterns. Therefore if the rain patterns is not reliable and is inconsistent, then the vegetation is greatly affected. Long periods of drought and extreme hot weather may cause forest fires. This because the plants become dry and becomes easily flammable. These forest fires further increase the amount of CO₂ into the atmosphere, causing pollution and more greenhouse effects. When a climate changes drastically or extremes of weather occur, there is a likeness of extinction of some plant species which only survive in particular optimum weather conditions. Climate change also affects wildlife. We shall concentrate on these four animals. Polar bear and seal are one of the endangered animal species. Global warming causes melting pole ice. Due to global warming, their habitat is getting smaller and smaller. The Polar Regions are their habitat and therefore their survival is questionable. Their food supply which is fish is also little because of decrease in area that they live; that is there is competition for scarce food for them per square area. Koala and Orangutan is also one of the endangered animal species. The habitat of these two animals (forest) is at risk due to drought and deforestation. Koala only exists in Australia, and survives on Eucalyptus tree leaves to survive. The Koala are endangered especially because they cannot survive in other areas in the world naturally. This is a major problem. Unusual climate affects human beings especially farmers. They depend on climate conditions and steady weather patterns for sustenance of their crops and ample harvest.

Global warming has caused a lot of problems to maize farmers in Kenya because of the reliable rainfall patterns. The rains these days come late and dry seasons come too early to end. Therefore over the years leading to less harvest forcing the government to import food like maize and rice to meet the demands of the country

Oil spill

This is the release of liquid petroleum into the environment due to human activity. Oil spills are caused due to accidental spills, leaks, chronic, carelessness use of oil and oil products. Examples are from cities farms, untreated waste from factories, industries and unregulated recreational boating. It is estimated that 706 million gallons of waste oil

enter the ocean yearly. Over half is from drainage and waste disposal. For example improper disposal of motor oil, offshore drilling, tanker and ship. The history of oil spills is that follows. In 1991 at Persian Gulf there were 40 million gallons were poured. In 1979 at Mexico there were 140million gallons were poured, and In 1989 at Valdez tanker there were 11million gallons were poured into the prince William in Alaska The effect of this is that Contamination of fish and food species, Interrupt food chain and fish reproductive, Commercial fishing interrupted Wildlife like mammals, repels, amphibians are poisoned, Oil penetrates structure of the plumage of birds reducing its insulting ability making them vulnerable to cold, Cause kidney damage, alter liver action and digestive imitation.

How to improve the environment situation

We discussed a lot and considered 7 contents.

- i Legislation
- ii Green Energy
- iii Wind and Geothermal energy
- iv Recycling
- v Forestation and Reforestation
- vi Solar Energy
- vii Ways of reducing Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere

Conclusion

The environment is a very important part in our lives. Without a good, enjoyable environment life would be a very hard thing to go by. We have seen the evidence shown by the disastrous effects that have occurred. It is not at a total loss, we need to come together and have a mutual understanding on how to combat issues affecting our environment.

Using the theme of JKSC coming together, hand in hand working together is a very effective e strategy. With Japanese technology making strides in environment conservation and containment and Kenyan spirit of doing more to make the environment a safe place; this is a vital platform where we can exchange ideas to combat environmental issues we have.

The environment is not a single regions responsibility, but the whole world's responsibility. That is why with the research and solutions given, we can work for a better environment tomorrow.

Youth Creativity

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Issues

- Importance of youth creativity
- Government stance on youth creativity
- The role of other organization
- Challenges facing youth creativity
- Root cause of challenges
- Differences between developed and developing
- Types of youth initiatives
- Recommendation to alleviate the challenges
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Importance of youth creativity

Youth creativity is an abstract idea that utilizes talent and abilities generated by young people's thoughts to not only create jobs among the young population but to improve society as well

- Job creation
- Societal improvement
- Revolutionizing existing ideas
- Improve the economy

Government stance on youth creativity

In Kenya

The Kenyan government formulated the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

- Free and subsidized education
- Sports scholarships
- Kazi kwa vijana

In Japan

The government has come up with agencies that try to facilitate cultural exchange among the Japanese youth.

- JICA
- JET

The role of other organization

NGO's have contributed to facilitating youth creativity and empowerment through various means such as:

- Funding
- Help in leadership
- Empowering youth
- Developing infrastructure

Challenges facing youth creativity

In Kenya

- Education
- Society's attitude towards youth
- Inequality/regional disparity
- Corruption
- Expectations of youth
- Choice of Role Models
- Lack of support for the domestic market
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In Japan

- Lack of self motivation
- Lack of government support
- Priorization of new graduates during job intake
- The world has reached a stage where there's a second generation of problems.
- Despite the fact that young people are being provided with high quality education the question still remains whether they are gaining knowledge in schools
- School drop outs
- Medical influence
- Social internet community
- Lack of accountability

Root cause of challenges

In Kenya

- Mindset of Adults and Youth
- Society
- Family
- Education
- Finance
- Market access
- Governance

Differences between developing and developed

RESOURCES

Developing

- 1.Limited resources
- 2.Projects are focused mostly on the arts

- 3.Projects are on a small scale financially
- 4.Limited tools and skills
- 5.Independent and unstructured

Developed

- 1.Adequate resources
- 2.Projects are more technical
- 3.Projects are on a large scale financially
- 4.Sophisticated tools and skills
- 5.Interdependent and structured

CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Developing

- 1.The society demands conformity
- 2.Communalism is practiced more, benefitting the whole community

Developed

- 1.The society respects diversity of ideas and opinions.
- 2.Individualism is practiced more, benefitting the individual.

ECONOMY

Developing

- 1.Difficulty to explore in business
- 2.Risk averse

Developed

- 1.Easier to explore in business
- 2.Less risk averse

Types of youth initiatives

In Kenya

Art

- Hand craft
- Jua Kali
- Urban art
- Youth development initiative

In Japan

- Animation
- TV game
- Computer software
- Products
- Youth groups

Recommendation to alleviate the challenges

In Kenya

- The government should encourage domestic trade. The government should encourage the local Kenyan to support local brands to improve economy.
- The government should decentralize people from Nairobi to other town within the country.
- Government to put more effort to improve ministry of youth affairs to motivate youth to utilize their talents and abilities. (Eg: employing qualified ministers.)
- The government should improve in developing education system in Kenya.
- The government to improve its local industry.
- The government should empower youth groups within Kenya through funding and providing facilities to improve their skills in their activities. eg. Juakali sector.
- The government should encourage youth in international relations to widen their knowledge through visualizing other country's culture and development.

In Japan

- The government should promote international exchange among the youth.
- Education system should include conversation classes in English as well as better qualified staff.
- Emphasis should be moved from attaining academic transcripts and focus on developing skills to promote creativity and encourage professionalism in one's field.

Conclusion

- Youth creativity is the driving force for development. However, due to an unfavorable environment they are faced with a variety of challenges. These challenges can be divided into two main categories mainly perception; amongst the youth and society, and inadequate support from the government and other institutions; in terms of policy and financing.
- Despite the fact that the government and other institutions offer support to youth groups, it is evident that any positive change will require concerted efforts on the side of the youth. Young people should aim to empower themselves by showing interest and commitment in life and utilizing their talents

and abilities to improve their livelihoods.



Environment



Youth Creativity

HIV&Aids / Gender

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Issues

Causes and effects by HIV/AIDs in Japan and Kenya

-Specify the problems that are caused by HIV/AIDs in both countries (Japan and Kenya) and find a solution.

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Definition

GENDER

Refers to the rules, norms, customs and practices through which the biological differences between males and females are transformed into social differences between men and women, boys and girls. As a result, women/girls and men/boys are valued differently and have unequal opportunities and life chances.

Gender equality

Means equality of treatment under the law and equality of opportunity for women and men. Gender inequality is generated both by society's written and unwritten norms, rules and shared understandings.

HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Acquired means you can get infected with it
Immune Deficiency means a weakness in the body system that fights diseases
Syndrome means a group of health problems that make up a disease

Situation in each country

Kenyan situation

- 1.5 to 2 million (more than 5.3%)
- In recent times there is a decline in HIV?AIDS prevalence, attributed in part to significant behavioral change and increased access to ART (Anti-retroviral Treatment)

- Women considerably higher risk of HIV infection than men For adult women is at 8% while for adult men 4%

Japanese Situation

- 1.2 million (1%)
- In Japan there no enough Voluntary Counseling and Testing centers but there is enough treatment and the number of victims is increasing
- Every person has a computer and a TV set or other gadgets to access information but they tend to ignore thus enhancing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Cause - what causes of the spread of HIV/AIDS?

Poverty (Especially in Kenya)

Prostitution

Kenya – Over 60% come from having several sexual relationships with a person other

than your partner

Japan – There are advertisements that introduce

prostitution websites. Some girls

mainly do

this job to earn money fast, and with a certain amount even though there are

other

ways of working for example part time

jobs

because of various backgrounds.

Lack of Information

- Prejudice that HIV/AIDS is a dirty disease
- No information about the after care (Kenya)
- No information about the VCT center (Japan)

Fear

- Desperacy / stress of being infected (Kenya)
- Death (Japan)
- Discrimination and stigma
- Talking about sex matters or the possibility that you may be infected

Ignorance

Even though we can access to the information, people ignore them.

Kenya – Many people are informed through the government, NGOs, Medias, VCT centre and schools. These efforts are

making a progress, but there are still many people who are being arrogant in having a protective sex.

Japan – There are posters or rumors about HIV/AIDS but even though you think about the possibility of being infected, most people don't even know the existence or never heard the name of VCT centre.

Effects - what kind of social impacts are there?

Loss of life

- **Increment of orphans**
 - **Loss of income earners in homes**
 - **School dropouts**
 - **Burden of care is left to the family**
 - **Rise in occurrences of domestic abuse**
- Stigmatization**

Conclusion

Orphans

Give help in terms of cash to an already established home for orphans this should be used to improve their services

- Build a home for orphans
- Education and accommodation to the children infected

Loss of Employment

Create job opportunities that do not affect the victim's health or life. Create a department in companies that supports the victims

School Dropouts

Introduce a course on HIV/AIDS Create a support manual for schools and students in how they can manage to continue the student's education

Burden of Care

Educate people / Enhance understanding
Inform and guide people to access the safety net

Domestic abuse

Inform the women on the availability of women rights groups to fight for their rights
Ex) Kenya Network of Women with AIDS, National Coalition of Women Living with AIDS, Federation of Women Lawyers and Coalition of Women against Violence Kenya etc

Stigmatization

Awareness

By using commercial and advertisements about

HIV/AIDS Change our attitude towards sex matters

Kenya – The terror of HIV/AIDS and VCT centers are well known since it is widely broadcasted on the media. Also there are VCT centers with in universities and they are trying their best such as inviting famous artists to school and hold a checking spot for HIV/AIDS before entering. It will be necessary to go to the next step, to let the people know about the after care and how they can access to the cure of HIV/AIDS.

Educating people with correct information

ex. The ACCEPT principle - Positive messages for change

Affirm what is ignored and undervalued

➤ Instead of

“There is no need to thank women for looking after those who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, because that is a woman's responsibility.”

➤ Consider

“Women are invaluable in the fight against HIV/AIDS and need to be supported and rewarded for fulfilling these tasks.”

Correct inaccuracies, ignorance or lies

➤ Instead of

“AIDS can be cured if you have sex with a virgin.”

➤ Consider

“There is no cure for AIDS, but living with HIV/AIDS does not have to be a death sentence. Forced sex with a child is wrong and will leave the child with a permanent psychological scar and physical damage.”

Challenge dominant norms, perceptions and stereotypes that are degrading and perpetuate inequality

➤ Instead of

“If a young woman is raped, it is because of the way she dresses or behaves.”

➤ Consider

“Rape is inexcusable and men who rape must be held accountable.”

Empower for action

➤ Instead of

“The number of AIDS orphans will increase dramatically and beyond our ability to cope with their needs.”

➤ Consider

“Every AIDS orphan deserves a loving home. Does your home qualify?”

Present the negative into something positive

➤ Instead of

“Every day, thousands of people are dying of HIV/AIDS. Protect yourself.”

➤ Consider

“Every day, people like you choose life. Join the AIDS-free movement and protect yourself.”

Transform dominant perceptions and stereotypes

➤ Instead of

“A real man has many sexual conquests and fathers a lot of children.”

➤ Consider

“A ‘real’ man communicates with his partner and nurtures his children.”



HIV&AIDS/Gender

Symposium

The Outline of this project

【Date】 2nd Sep 2010

【Place】 Japanese Embassy

【Contents】

9:00-9:30 Arrival of guests

9:30-9:35 Welcoming Speech:

Kenya Chair Person Micheal Nhlanhla

Presentations by the Study Session Groups

9:40-9:55 Environment

9:55-10:10 HIV/AIDS and Gender

10:10-10:25 Education

10:25-10:40 Youth Creativity

10:40-10:55 Globalization and Culture

11:10-11:30 Discussion Session

11:30-11:45 Speech: Japanese embassy representative

11:45-12:00 Speech: JICA representative

12:00-12:10 Closing Remarks:

Japan Chair Person Nami Masuda

The purposes of this project

To create an opportunity to share the experiences and the joint statements, which were decided in the study session, with the society and to avoid those to be kept only within the JKSC members.

Evaluation

The day started off with a few hitches; majority of the guests arrived late, prompting us to delay the original schedule by an hour. Luckily though, one of our key note speakers wanted to push their prepared speech to a later time, so there were no unfortunate embarrassments. The individual presentations by the groups were quite comprehensive and informative. The main aim of the symposium was to present our study group topics to non JKSC members, but we also ended up learning quite a bit from each other as well. In hind sight though, I think we ought to increase the amount of time allocated to each group and diversify the study group topics to include other topics.

I would have to say the most rewarding aspect of the entire experience was the fact that we all got to learn from each other by

teaching others what we researched in our individual study groups. Additionally, we got to meet other people interested in JKSC who were inspired by our work.

Aside from the study group presentations we also had speeches by the director of the Japanese Embassy Information and Cultural Centre and a JICA representative. Both speeches centered on how we can become more productive members of society and how we should learn to appreciate and embrace other cultures around us in order to grow.

Impressions

After the study session in Nakuru, all JKSC members were prepared to do their presentations to our visitors at the Japan embassy in Kenya which was on 2nd September. However, there were minor glitches at the start such as our visitors arrival was a little late but once everything started our activities for the symposium started falling into place as we had planned.

Once we began our presentations all the members presented respective to their groups. Everyone was confident and comprehensive during their presentation. The main purpose of the symposium was to present our study session topics to our visitors then discuss. Through this we would also get to know our visitor's opinions and their way of thinking in relation to the study topics we had such as HIV/AIDS, Education, among other topics which mainly discussed the problems and solutions and through our combined discussion with our visitors we discussed these topics further especially the problems and we came up with more solutions together. Therefore, the session was a success.

Moreover, the presentation from MR, Kikuchi the director of the Japan embassy information and cultural center was interesting his speech was about the activities of the Japan embassy as well as the information and cultural center operations which was educative. The speech from the JICA representative Caroline Wambugu was really educative we JKSC members and our visitors got to learn more about JICA and the activities they do in Kenya. It was interesting that people asked the JICA representative many questions after her presentation then we discussed a lot about JICA. So it seemed that everyone was keen and enjoyed her

presentation. Both speeches from Mr. Kikuchi and Caroline Wambugu were both centered to what we too can do to play a part to make our society, our world a better place.

In conclusion, I am sure it was a wonderful experience for everyone who came to the symposium we learnt a lot from each other as members and from our visitors. Furthermore, we as JKSC we were happy to know and meet people who are interested in JKSC this gave us the feeling that we are not alone in that there are people who are interested in what we do and what we stand for which gave us the moral and inspired us a lot on that day. Lastly, the Japan embassy did a lot during this day by giving us the venue and equipment to use which went on without a glitch this has made us to be really thankful to the Japan embassy information and cultural center for making that day to be a success.



HIV/Aids & Gender



Chapter 5

Essay from participants

Japanese Participants

Nami Masuda

The poison of Africa

I didn't imagine that I could go to Kenya and attracted this country so much. There's a word "Poison of Africa-Africa no doku". This means if one goes to the countries of Africa once, then we can't apart from Africa. Exactly... I was fascinated to the people's smile, activeness, and ways of having fun, hospitality, nature, beauties, and so on! Kenya became the extremely important country for me...

Who am I?-dialog with others

I don't know why I'm interested in Kenya, but while doing activities in Japan Kenya Student Conference, I noticed there're many points that I want to think about Japan or Kenya through comparing these countries. Why do Japanese' faces look like boring? Why are there many people sitting on the ground in Nairobi? Why do I live? ... The most important point is that I could have dialog with other members about the issue mentioned above. Through dialog, I could find what I want to do...Who I am.

Warmth of JKSC, friendship

Every time, I was helped by the members and could get power from them. True friendship...when someone have really hard time, the true friends will help. This true friendship will last forever. I have true friends both here and in the opposite side of earth, this makes me energetic, feel warmth.

Growth and future

I'm not a perfect person at all. So, even after graduating from Japan Kenya Student Conference, I'll make effort to achieve my dream without forgetting what I've done in this organization. I plague I won't forget people in Kenya, what I've felt through doing this activity.

With my true friends, dream comes true.

I'm appreciate I could have this activities and friendship, and then want to pass this to the next bright members.

Let's see from the darkest side, understand the wrong things, and bring the light.

Pray for Peace S. Francesco d'Assisi

Lord, make me a channel of your peace,
That where there is hatred, I may bring love,
Where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of
forgiveness;
Where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
Where there is error, I may bring truth;
Where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
Where there is despair, I may bring hope;
Where there are shadows, I may bring light;
Where there is sadness, I may bring joy;
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort
than to be comforted;
To understand than to be understood;
To love than to be loved...



Satomi Imaizumi

Where is your precious one now?

I saw the sky at air port to go back to Japan, it was so blue, blue and blue in 15th September 2010. I could not believe why the sky was so beautiful. The sky I looked up in Kenya was always blue and shine bright. They who are always behind me, believed in me at any time, encouraged and supported me are in Kenya, there are very far from Japan.

What is your dream?

Even children living in Kibera slum and students in Japanese elementary school, they have a dream. They became drawing their dream by shame face but it is bright.

Hope

There were hopes. I can't see by my eyes, but there were it exactly. In Japanese elementary school, Kibera slum, Kenyan village, university, Nairobi, Japan Kenya Student Conference, there are hopes. The world is beautiful by only it.

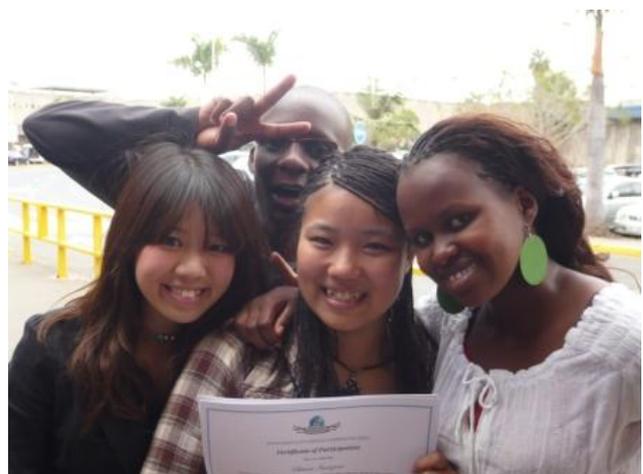
I thought about JKSC everyday and everyday in this year. I didn't do the job hunting, and I didn't take exam to go to Master course. This choice was so crazy in Japan. But I decided to do the JKSC because I wanted to face the JKSC, Kenya, Kenyan university students and myself.

What is the equality by real meaning in JKSC? I felt the university student is so different between Japan and Kenya in my bones by thinking this question in this year. But I knew as much about bid divide between Japan and Kenya, I faced Kenya more and Kenyan members more and I realized I can do nothing. However I didn't stop to believe in all Kenya members even in so hard times, because I wanted to walk with Kenya members, I wanted to look same view. When I consider about equality between Japan and Kenya in JKSC, I can only continue to believing in Kenya members.

In before main conference, in during main conference, looking back now there was more something I could do. If I did more... if I did more fundraising, all Japanese members could go to Kenya. Maybe, I gave Kenya members too much tusk before main conference. I attributed the Kenya members thought Japan side ideas was strong more than them to me. I

thought my responsibility too much. I could do something more and more by Vice-Chairperson, Finance and International Relations. I was saved from the word Kenya member told me. "You could do the best then you could do. So, I enjoyed main conference so much. Thank you."

I and Kenya members are different from the race, nationality and culture. But I learn the different is not so big, it is too small by JKSC activity for 2 years. They thought me the more precious things than doing job hunting and exam and it 's not finish. So, I walk everyday with my full power, because I don't want to lose them. And if I will be tired, I will look up the sky. There is my importance and precious great friends in Kenya, there are very far from Japan, under the sky I look up it today and everyday...



Hiromitsu Terauchi

What is JKSC for me?

I am finishing my second year as a JKSC member. Usually we graduate JKSC in 2 years. Now I'm glad our accomplishments and also I'm sad to close my JKSC life. Activities, members and all of JKSC gave me many specials. Good memories, experiences, friendships and so, I'd like to look back on my footsteps.

At first, I introduce some favorites of JKSC for me. For example, we always have "pole pole" atmosphere. "Pole pole" means "slow and slow" in Swahili. We have many serious agendas, sometimes I think those may beyond our power. But JKSC members don't be upset or shaken up. We don't forget enjoying any time any place. The gap of our easy appearance and heavy tasks is interesting, and it is our unique character.

However, I felt this impression stronger last year. Because we've had crisis situation many time in this year. But I could not support my company well. I lost my balance of what to do. These days I said to me every day that what did I end up doing here?

Personally the biggest difference between first year and second year is whether. I attend the main conference or not. I couldn't participate in the 11th main conference. I couldn't share the sensation this summer. It is too bad. Surely JKSC acts for main conference, but not only main conference! The climax is main conference, but the focal point of JKSC activities is obviously the preparation and discussion for the summer. The process of the big event is challenging job. I think I've been should make much of the each jobs.

So I'm going to reaching the end of line in expression my gratitude to all my good friends for advancing together till today. I am most grateful, I really like you!! Please fiends forever!

Sae Nakamura

For me, this was my second conference. I had a lot of things that I wanted to do, but it was hard to manage carrying out JKSC's tasks while at the same time doing job hunting.

There were many times that I thought about leaving JKSC.

And also I couldn't express my true feelings to the other members. Now I can't find the right words to use for writing this essay. But I will do my best from now on because I am really happy to have joined the 10th and 11th conferences and to have met the other members while in JKSC. This is my honest feeling.

Half of my campus life was JKSC.

The main conference meetings and the other members made me excited and I was able to gain strength from them and because of that, I am really happy.

This meeting is precious to me.

I am proud of both Kenyan and Japanese members. They are reliable; they make me happy, and give me strength. I also want to give someone else strength and to reach out to them. My part now is to share the experiences of JKSC and also I need to develop myself more.

I really appreciate those who helped us. Thank you very much.

How wonderful it would be if 20, 30, or 50 years from now, we could hold the conference together with members of the 60th conference. Asante sana. Love JKSC!!!

Yayoi Moriya

I had a special time with 11th JKSC. It must be one of my best in the future. JKSC has given me a lot of chances to think, experience, and meet new friends.

I think I'm a lucky person! I'm not here if I couldn't meet one woman who was a member of 10th JKSC by chance. That's why I could see the new world, and meet new friends. Now I can't imagine a life that I wouldn't relate to JKSC.

When I met the Kenyan members at the airport, I had mysterious feeling. It was the first time that we were at face to face and I was so happy to meet them, but I wondered we had met before. I thought that was our amazing part. We have corresponded through a year to make the main conference better one. So, we had known each other before we met.

We discussed projects, schedule and so on again and again before the main conference. It was not easy. We faced lots of difficulties and I sometimes felt really nervous from these problems. Every member was in the different places, and it was really difficult to do something together. Even only in Japan, we had communication problems, so how about between Japan and Kenya? Although it is completely difficult, we always talk and talk when a problem is happened. We don't have a rail that has been already laid. We are making the road that we can walk together to the future. It takes much time, but as we do it "together", we can be more than friends. I felt so grateful when we finished each project. I will never forget that feeling.

There are many kinds of differences between us. Japan and Kenya are different. But I think that even in the same country, each person is not same. So, there is no line between us. Since there are differences, we can try to understand and learn a lot. We certainly connect each other and try to work out the same task. All members help me and talk to me "Are you OK?" when I am in trouble. I could meet with really precious friends by JKSC.

I would like to thank everyone who has related to JKSC. We have been able to keep our steps because of cooperating by past

members, companies and so on.

Dear 11th JKSC members

I had really wonderful time since I join in JKSC and of course in Kenya. It's because all of you were in JKSC!

ARIGATOU = ASANTE SANA



Takashi Yoneda

In December, I was joined this group JKSC. I sometimes heard this group, but I do not know all about this group. However I was accustomed to do this group work, become very interesting to work with this member, and meet some friends to say everything frankly.

The most impressed pre activity is camp. At this activity, we discuss all night to make our group better and consider what we need for our main conference. Before camp, we did not meet and talk except for Skype meeting, and at camp we recognize the person and surprised because of the differences between the image and the real person. Sometimes, we said hard and feel sad .However, we can have courage from here. Everybody pointed out someone's work which he did not do, and when he is busy, the member helped to do his work. The situation makes us realize to discuss is very interesting.

I had a chance to participate in the main conference. First, I felt in Kenya is everybody wanted to learn each country seriously.(about various international problem, environment problem, problem which the country have long time) If I spend this summer in Japan, I couldn't discuss such problems. What I feel in Kenya, the difficulty of communication which is not only Kenyan, but Japanese. We felt that all member have to share the information and the difficulty of saying what we think. And also English is not our native tongue, so we felt the difficulty more and more.

JKSC is a group which we make our own power, so we can know what we have to do and what we couldn't do. I hope this group will continue forever. Someday, I hope to meet Kenyan who are very good important friends again



Momo Nakajima

I think that this experience of 11th conference will be vitality of my future and I want to utilize those experiences after this. Most of the activity of JKSC and task was first time for me. We often discussed how we should carry out our plans and we sometime argue with each other from conflicting opinions. When we discussed various problems about JKSC, we occasionally got bad feelings each other. However, I think that those things made us relationship strong. Also, it was very comfortable environment for me to discuss without reserve and I like JKSC members who always tell me true feelings. All JKSC projects are mainly preceded by students. We have to decide all things. When I had been active in JKSC, I am proud activity which only students manage all things. However, after finished main conference and looking back upon it, I was noticed 11th always were supported by OG, OB and many enterprise. They made our projects succeed. I deeply appreciate 11th conference which gave me various experiences and JKSC members who could share those nice experiences. Also, I really hope that JKSC continue forever.



Emma Tsuji

I doubt if there are any freshman who has experienced such a stimulating six months than me... Might be an over exaggerating way to express my time in JKSC, but still I can proudly say that I had a wonderful experience by joining JKSC.

Encounter

When I write about my past six months, there is no choice for me but to write about the members of JKSC first. JKSC members positively act to have a face-to-face conversation though we live far, discuss one's opinion with all, and they are filled with ambition to make JKSC a better organization. Our organization is filled with love and passion in trying to understand another member and share what each member is thinking about. As I write this essay and look back at the activities we have gone, I realize that those passionate attitudes are deeply connected to the philosophy of JKSC. The act of aggressively trying to connect ourselves to another person who is living so far away is the appeal of our will, "to become the intermediary of Japan and Kenya", and the attitude to actively approaching to the numerous issues our planet holds is connected to "making a positive impact in society". We have been acting with a clear purpose and strong belief. I am so happy that I was able to meet, and to do activities with JKSC members.

My aim

At the opening ceremony of the main conference, I have announced my aim for the three weeks that were awaiting us. "My aim is to interact with members and the people of Kenya". I had interacted with little children and the driver of the matatu, guests who came to the cultural event and more. I told them "we came from Japan" and explained about Japan, about JKSC, about myself. Then the other person started to talk about him or she, dreams they have, thoughts and hobbies for me.

Many people conclude a foreigner's personality from where they are from without looking in to whom they really are. This misunderstanding sometimes causes tragedy. I wanted to represent the students of Japan and make a step named "understanding", which is a very rudiment but important and

also hard step to take. Hoping that they understand Japan and feel Japan with affinity.

Language has become a very good tool for fulfilling my aim. The conversations in Swahili, English and Japanese connected Japanese and Kenyan. For me, Swahili became such a marvelous medium for me in spending time with the members. Starting with Eric (who has become the chairperson of 12th conference together) many members had taught me Swahili. In the Swahili textbook I bought in Nakumat (a supermarket in Kenya) there are sentences and words all over the pages.

Going to Kenya?

As a JKSC member is the way to go

As the main conference was about to reach the turning point, I came to realize "I am so lucky to come to Kenya as a JKSC member". The programs we had organized were great. One day we visited UNEP, which is supporting slums in Kenya, and on another day we visited Kibera Slum, where it is supported. One day we walk through the city Nairobi, on another day we enjoyed the grand nature of Egerton and Embu. During the study session we were also able to learn our point of views, systems that we cannot see with our eyes and each members backgrounds. I think that JKSC is the only organization that is able to learn about Kenya in such a short time. But there is more to see. Victor had said that I "could become Kenyan" so I would like to make that my next aim and learn more about Kenya through the activities in 12th conference and be able to express how wonderful Kenya is in Japan

Crossing the borders

In my mind, the definition of "understanding" is about accepting another person's difference and personality. I assume that one of the most important things in communicating with another is how you try to understand another person no matter how different he or she seems to be but to embrace and include those differences as that person. I would like to become an intermediary of Japan and Kenya by making full use of my experience I had in JKSC and Kenya. It is not that I want to connect Kenyan and Japanese; I simply felt that I wanted to connect a "person" and a "person". I also felt that this feeling would

become a very important part of me in my life.

I would like to express my gratitude to the OBs and OGs who have continued this wonderful organization until I had my chance to join, all the kind companies and organizations which have supported us, the individuals that have supported us, my parents, and members. I would not been able to say in the beginning that I have had the most exiting six months than any other freshman without any support. In the last, I would also like to note that that gratitude has become my power to make the 12th conference a success since that it the best way I can give back anything, and safely pass on to the next generation.

Asante sana.



Koki Sawamura

I started to be active as JKSC member from Kanto training camp on Golden week when the main conference in Kenya will hold three months later. I was sophomore and looked back last year. So, I was thinking “I want to do something which I’m interested in.”, but I couldn’t actually do and was impatient. Then, my university teacher (When she was a university student, she was a member of Japan-Korea-student-conference) introduced JKSC to me.

My life completely changed after I was a member of JKSC. Kanto meeting every week, Skype meeting and African festival etc...are part of everyday life. I was asking myself what I had used this power for last year. The main conference was held as soon as I had become accustomed to the activity of JKSC. To tell the truth, I didn’t guess what would be happened.

I looked back the main conference. My characters of “shy” and “negative” which I overcome come back. Maybe, Japanese members who always see me felt a feeling of wrongness. I wasn’t trying to “be lack of self-direction” and “communicate with everyone” on purpose. I couldn’t be active as compared with my activity in Japan. So, I also didn’t know what I can do, felt impatient.

Therefore, I don’t know whether I contributed to JKSC in the main conference. But, I never never forget this experience which I really went to Kenya, looked at Kenya and met Kenyan members. This experience enabled me to get the opportunity to think about what I really want to do. And, I also got the courage having me take next step.

I will just not only get something from JKSC but also contribute to JKSC, do something in return for JKSC.



Michihiro Komori

It was a certain one email to have known JKSC. It was contents written that I "came for the email because I performed report party by the student group". I did not understand what this group performed, but there was the thing which was attracted what it was only first.

I went to visit the place on the day of the report society if I noticed. I decided to hear a story from as possible much then first of all because I did not understand it what kind of activity the group which was in the place carried out. I did not intend to be in JKSC then.

And it was after a long absence, and there was an opportunity to meet the one that had the email when I left the report society for a while. Do not remember I think that this experience of 11th conference will be vitality of my future and I want to utilize those experiences after this.

Most of the activity of JKSC and task was first time for me. We often discussed how we should carry out our plans and we sometime argue with each other from conflicting opinions. When we discussed various problems about JKSC, we occasionally got bad feelings each other. However, I think that those things made us relationship strong. Also, it was very comfortable environment for me to discuss without reserve and I like JKSC members who always tell me true feelings.

I didn't have environment of discussion which can discuss each other without reserve before because, I think that I was not absorbed in something before. I really felt that everyone hoped that success of 11th conference, everyone could be serious for the thing at that time in detail,; but in the one "may observe the activity of the group this time?" I remember only that I said ".

Communication comes and will go for a visit afterwards. It was the eleventh start training camp of JKSC then. In the point that left for the place while having uneasiness and expectation, a member for 11 quarters welcomed it. If will to want to be gradually active in this group is born and notices, there are the words of the member and will enter.

I join the bureau called the arts and sciences station immediately and will be active afterwards. It was good and asked about the chairperson first without I was good whether this bureau was the place where you should

have put what, and understanding it. It was good and asked about the chairperson first without I was good whether this bureau was the place where you should have put what, and understanding it.

I was able to understand the work of the bureau, but the expectation was not done to a former thing from now on. But I thought that I was in time and understood it and kept it intact. As a result, it has worried oneself later.

Two members enter the arts and sciences station and will be in charge of the arts and sciences station with three people afterwards. Oneself gradually neglected contacting a member from that time and came to shut myself up in oneself. It was any sake that oneself was in JKSC and lost it, in addition, what I should have done at this bureau.

And I have given a member trouble that there was a lot of it. I still felt the gentleness of the member whom I contacted easily strictly.

And it is August, and some members will go to Kenya. I decided it in the heart when I "would try the activity just after it at least hard among oneself while I was making a voyage from a training camp before this voyage if everybody returned".

I went back to the all safety and oneself was carried away to one's feelings again in the prime of life and can write a nuisance in all again afterwards.

In this the eleventh activity, as for oneself, troubling you has merely come to a member. But I accept such useless oneself and want to thank the member whom I did not send. And I want to really thank for "Tera" which provoked it in this group.

JKSC knew oneself for oneself, and it was a place to notice.

I face present oneself and want to grow in future not to trouble a person.

All, thank you very much.

Akira Igarashi

The thought of non-participant

On 31st July 2010, I appreciated a picture “Drought in Kenya” by Stefano De LUIGI in museum in Tokyo. The picture has a giraffe lies down on red soil path under broad blue sky. The giraffe dies of starvation in a way leading him to dark future. In front of the picture where our JKSC’s member will hold the main conference, I was urged not to let them visit to. It is possible to be killed like the giraffe easily. The picture made me think again. At the same time I felt impatient with the truth that I cannot be with them. After 2 days, I have started to study in the Netherlands.

I have already decided to study in the Netherlands before joining in JKSC. I was recognized as exception because I became a member of JKSC although I knew that I cannot participate in the main conference. There were some members who’s the most motivation was participation in the main conference. It was understandable thinking when we appreciate it is precious last experience to spend with Kenyan students in Kenya with sharing value and thought. Actually, stories given by participants in the main conference make me notice that their experience in Kenya has changed their life. I regretted that I didn’t postpone my study in foreign by a month after getting in the Netherlands, it was too late though. “The main conference” was such an attractive thing for members of JKSC.

However, compared with the conference for a month, preparation for the conference was much longer and more important. Lots of things what we did during the preparation were such as advertising JKSC, adjusting an itinerary of the conference, elaborating plans during the conference. I was a member of Academic affairs, as you may notice from the name I drew members’ academic interests. It was for discussion session of the conference, however, my purpose had changed into knowing them deeper. Not for the conference, but for members and for my task itself I worked. It was the reason I did task. I was satisfied with the reason and with the environment. My motivation was not a participation in the conference but the members.

I was fulfilled with the preparation for the conference; on the other hand, it was true that I envied participants. It was when I heard from members after their participating in main conference. They had changed. Especially next chairperson with whom I worked for academic affairs now I can trust her definitely. They obtain the experience which I couldn’t do and wished to do eagerly. Fortunately they are still my motivation. I have been planning to work for NGO in Kenya in this summer to achieve an experience like them which has changed their life.



Kenyan Participants

Alex Nyaga

Having have taken part in the 10th conference in Japan I was looking forward to the 11th conference too here in Kenya in as much as I was little scared because I had a huge responsibility after I was given the post of being the chair person.

We a year ahead of us to plan and it was a good year really even with the challenges that came with the planning for the conference. Both sides really put their all in preparing for the conference which was really amazing we working together in team despite the miles away we were from each other. It was funny and wonderful that we made friends and worked together with the members from both s ides yet we had never me that was a good way to start off the 11th conference the bond we had created we just could not wait for the conference to begin. Finally, it was here for me at first I was a little nervous I kept asking myself how will Japan side members find Kenya? Will we meet out JKSC 11th conference goals? Will we have fun? Among other questions but from the moment we met each other I relaxed and I knew everything will be ok. From there we got to know each other and got along so easily.

Now during the conference we got to learn from each other as well as our activities from UNEP, Kibera, homestay, symposium etc. Moreover, we got to share more about our cultures which made our relationship as members to be even better. However, there were challenges here and there but that didn't bring us down we hurdled forward because we all knew what we wanted to achieve.

In a nut shell, trying to finish this impression brings back memories that I will forever keep close to my heart and mind. These memories make me to be thankful for each and everyone in the 11th conference which I know I made lifetime friend. Actually, we all created a story in outlives that we will always share with others and remember.

Not only to us we gave other people outside JKSC an experience too showing them our culture, way of thinking which we shared together during the symposium and cultural event. Thanks everyone I will surely miss JKSC and Long live JKSC.



Gladys Ogendy

I'd have to say the 11th JKSC conference was quite a unique experience for me. Initially the conference was just an opportunity to meet and interact with students from other universities and hopefully learn more about Japanese culture in the process. What it turned into instead was an opportunity to network, improve my skills and increase my knowledge base on the challenges that face my country and Japan. I got to meet new friends and learn new things while exploring more about my country and my culture. Thanks to the conference, I got to learn more about the problems facing the country and how to overcome those challenges. I also got to meet a variety of very inspirational people who taught me how to never give up despite the odds being stacked against you.



James Righa

This feeling inside reminds me of that time, when everyone was right here by my side, when all my troubles seemed so far away. The boy, whose head was always in the sky, had finally found the place where he belonged. But now that time has come to an end and I can't go back. These memories that I hold so close to this day are wonderful and dear to me. That's good enough.

I have been sitting around watching these memories pass through my mind. I am still longing to relive those days of yesterday. JKSC has had such a big impact in my life that I don't want us to ever part. Looking back I clearly see how JKSC is such a precious part of my life. I have learnt so many things, visited so many places, met so many people and experienced many wonderful times. Now I spend my time mostly reflecting back on my time in JKSC. All the happiness and sorrow, relief and despair, hopes and dreams, failures and successes, joy and fulfilment, that was the magic of JKSC, which has kept me wanting for more.

This conference was to be of great significance in my life. It was last my last JKSC conference and with it came great hopes and expectations. The pressure for success was so great that sometimes it drove me to the edge, but my friends were always there to pull me back and get me back right on track. I am glad of how things worked out in the end and proud of what we have achieved during this conference. We made children in Kibera and Japan search for their dreams, gave back to the environment, exchanged cultures, went through priceless learning experiences, talked about our hopes and dreams and made everlasting friends. That was the beauty of the 11th conference. But the journey was not always blissful. We had our fair share of tears, sorrow, regret and other difficult emotions to handle but together we could get through it all. Hand in hand, we overcame all the obstacles.

Looking at my life, the battles of my youth have been challenging. I am glad I was able to meet the friends that I have now while in JKSC. They have helped me to grow and made me strong. Sometimes my actions had been misguided and I hurt some of you, but my mistakes and your understanding have helped me grow. The experiences in JKSC have really influenced my life and I am a better person

today because of them. I am really grateful for JKSC.

Where do I go from here? Will we ever share the same smiles that we did again? Will some of these roads lead me back to you all? Only fate holds the answers to my questions. All I know is that the memories of the time we spent together will never disappear. When I close my eyes I realize we are together, always. And to you all, who together we have shared so much, thank you, because of you I can reach out to my dreams with confidence and belief and look forward to a bright future.

JKSC, minna, ima made arigatou,
sayoonara...



Kichitaro Shiojiri

JKSC was all a success indeed. I believe Coincidences occur where life and destiny intersect and it happened to me that I came to meet members of JKSC and got the opportunity to be among the members of the 11th conference. I got the greatest opportunity to mingle with both Japanese and Kenyan members all with a certain objective and goals to achieve during the program. The fact that we are all young with fulls of energy encouraged my inner heart of determination to achieve what I expected during the conference. Of course there were hardships and misunderstanding amongst us during the conference but that never counted as failure but an approach towards gaining experience and focus on making the coming conference a success. This helped us learn and share openly amongst us which strengthened our consciousness to develop strong social friendship.

Personally, I was in charge of the activities carried out in Nairobi especially the Kibera book project. Earlier, I had several chances on visiting Kibera slum but this was my first time to have an opportunity to mingle with the Kids in Kibera and specifically the children in the Hamlet group. The project was a success and I believe the picture book project can be developed into a much extraordinary project which we haven't yet realized amongst us the fact that it can bring a huge impact among both kenyan and Japanese people. The concept is much simple but the message that can be delivered is more outstanding.

I have always asked myself why the Kibera slum children have such a grin in their face yet we all understand the hardship they go through. But through the program, I have learnt that it's not wealth that brings happiness and it's neither convenience nor being commodious. It's all within their heart where happiness lies and they are all wealthy in their hearts. The fact that they are in an environment that it's not all for oneself but all for everyone really touched my heart that everyone understands everyone's situation and that they all help one another in terms of hardships or any tribulations they face. I think we have a lot of things yet to be learnt from the people of Kibera and of course eliminate our thoughts that they are impoverished and desperate.

I would like to send gratitude to all the JKSC members and the rest of people who made this conference a success and I really appreciate the fact that we all dedicated ourselves to take part in the conference. Thanks again and I hope to continue supporting JKSC and make the coming 12th conference a success.



Caroline Kamunge

The whole experience was eye-opening for me. I had never lived with people of such a strong culturally different background as I did for those few weeks. As a freshman in Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, I really appreciated the exposure to that kind of situation as it will prove to be invaluable in interaction with the other culturally different people in my campus.

We had a few disagreements but we found ways to sort them out with minimal damage to both camps, which means that we learned to be resourceful and but mindful of others. We sat down and discussed them as sensible adults, avoiding the bickering of immaturity.

I also got to see my own country, Kenya as I'd never seen it before. I had always been passing the National Archives building and never bothered to actually go check it out. They have a very impressive collection of old artifacts and their stamp collection is amazing!! Some of them their artifacts dated to the pre-colonial days when crude weaponry was used to fight in the smaller scale communal wars.

Also by visiting the Bomb Blast memorial centre, I got to feel personally touched by the disaster that most affected my country when I was but a child. We were taken to the stone tablet that held the names of all the people who died in the blast and we were shocked at the vast numbers that were recorded. It was a clear wake-up call to us all; it reminded us of the consequences of pursuing wars and malicious terrorist acts, that we needed to count the cost before we undertake any activity that may harm our neighbor. A chilling fact was that that number of deaths was generated without the use of nuclear weaponry; I shudder to think of the death toll if nuclear warfare were ever to ensue.

I also had the opportunity to make a lot of new friends who inspired me with their different stories from different backgrounds and different mindsets; it was refreshing to hear their views on life that were somehow the

same as mine yet they differed in unimaginable ways. On the last day we had a small meeting with the girls in JKSC and we had a small gift-giving session where we gave them the jeweler that we had brought for them and they in turn gifted us with the stunning kimonos that they had also taught us how to drape on, it was a beautiful moment that we shared. I will always treasure the friends that I made in that short time that I was travelling with JKSC.

I made friendships that will last me a lifetime, and I am in constant contact with the Kenyan side mostly but I manage to drop a line once in a while to the members on the Japan side. Especially since I plan to do my Masters Degree in Soil, Water and Environmental Engineering in Japan, the friendships I make there will prove invaluable to me and will continue on through my life.

I hope to be in attendance of the 12th JKSC conference despite the clash with my exams which will also be running for the first three weeks of August. Many thanks to all the people who made the conference possible and to all who ensured our continued comfort in our journeys. I will be forever grateful for the grand opportunity that I was given to be in attendance of the conference and I hope to see you all soon. Once again... Domou Arigatou ☺



Daniel Njau

The 11th conference was one of my best life experiences. Participating the JKSC conference and interacting with one of the most dynamic group of persons hailing from different cultural background, both from Kenya and Japan. We had a lovely moment, parting from books and engaging in team building cultural exchange activity and more importantly fulfilling our main goals I. e study sessions, projects e.t.c.

My thrill to join JKSC was triggered by the anxiety to learn the culture of Japan, being one of the most stable super powers; a small country strategically located between two super powers USA and China, this connected my curiosity to remarkable amplitude.

'YOKOSO' and they arrived, happy and smiling faces ready to experience Africa. Strange? Mysterious? It was strange, since they didn't know what was on the table for them, and mysterious; since they had many answered questions in their minds.

It was uncertain that we faced various challenges that drew mixed feelings. It took us much effort to come up with suitable lasting solutions for mutual understanding and integration of the group. However, happy moment overshadowed our differences; the tree planting took centre stage of best moment followed by Kibera expedition, history day, home stay, Embassy visits and UNEP visit. Japan has a rich history, both political and cultural. What moves me is her ability to challenge the world, especially the US during the world wars. Her strong economy and rich culture.

I learnt so much about my country and Japan. We acquired much knowledge and information that we can decimate to the society and improve our lives and make the world a better place.

The worst day of JKSC was at JKIA, as our Japan counterparts parted off. Everybody shed tears uncontrollably, but rich memories reserved in our hearts.

Thanks to all 11th conference participants and everyone who made the conference successful. Arigatou!! Miss you all forever.

Victor Njoroge

I have enjoyed being part of the conference. I have learnt so much from the conference that I am sure I will cherish and use as I go on in life.

During the preparation before the 11th conference I learnt how to work with people who are not necessarily my friends, who later on did become my friends, and exchange ideas on how matters should be dealt with.

I never had a passion for organizing or planning events, I just wanted to be part of them. Now I feel that I should be more involved with whatever I'm doing.

I have learnt a lot about Japanese people and their culture and I should say it has taken me. Spending time with the Japanese students allowed me to compare and contrast how similar or different we are. I learnt that we have so much in common that it blew my mind. Spending time with JKSC Japan side has just increased my love for the Japanese language and culture.

I also got time to practice my Japanese and it was very exciting. Learning new words, what to say, what not to say; it was all very intriguing.

During the conference we discussed and talked about a myriad of things, from culture, to religion with Nami, to music with Emma, to drama, to fashion, to food and our dreams and hopes. Relating to students of a different country and seeing that we have very much in common is just an encouraging fact. I loved every moment of it.

With JKSC it will be always in my mind filled with joys memories and the lessons that I learnt from those great moments. Because changes do happen slowly but there are others that come in suddenly and the most we can do is take that chance and learn all we can from it. And JKSC is surly one of them.

I love JKSC.

Isaac Ong'eta

Days are fading away, but the memories of the 11th conference won't fade away. My first experience in a group of different people with different backgrounds and the best I ever had was with JKSC. I reserve my praise generally; to all of you and in particular to the Japanese members for your tireless commitment and hard work even when we had obstacles. But someone said that we should measure the size of our accomplishment by the obstacles we have to overcome in order to reach our goals. We succeeded and personally, I have no regrets whatsoever. The winners in life think constantly in terms of I can, I will, and I am. Losers, on the other hand, concentrate their waking thoughts on what they should have or would have done, or what they can't do. We are not losers because we succeeded in making 11th conference happen. However, no human is perfect that's why we had some problems. Actually, they were misunderstandings not problems and maybe each one of us failed at some point. Not many people are willing to give failure a second opportunity, is there? We fail once and it is all over. The bitter pill of failure is often more than most people can handle. If you are willing to accept failure and learn from it, if you are willing to consider failure as a blessing in disguise and bounce back, you have got the essential of harnessing one of the most powerful success forces. We learnt from that and moving ahead is all we should think of, especially for the sake of the 12th conference. I must point out the "Kibera Project" on my side gave me a lot to think about in terms of deeper situation in Kenya, not to forget the study sessions where i got to learn more on Japanese system of education and the difference in HIV/AIDS prevalence between the two countries. Long live JKSC! The homestay gave me a chance of tasting the Japanese food, where would I get all that if it were not for you guys! And oh! Now I know the difference between a Japanese, a Chinese and a Korean. How about Japan being on the list of the first countries I want to visit in my life outside Kenya? I want to know more, I love travelling, Japanese is fun. The 11th conference was sugoi, and I cannot compare it with any other because I haven't attended any of them before. Arigatou to all the Japanese members for their patience with us even in difficult times, your love for Kenya was

evident during the conference and at the airport when you were leaving Kenya. I wanted you to stay and I also wished I could go with you. We built a bridge of friendship between the two countries because friendship is a promise made in the heart...silent, unwritten, unbreakable by distance and unchangeable by time.....

it's lovely to have made u my friends..... I love you all! Arigatou gozaimasu!



Eric Lole

As we long waited for the arrival of the Japanese members at Jomo Kenyatta International airport, I was very anxious of how things would turn out. I asked myself several questions like how would the conference turn out? How friendly will the Japanese members be? And how the situation was going to be after the arrival. I didn't know it was to be the start of the best experience of my life.

The main conference was the first time to interact with international students. I enjoyed everything from the start as I taught Kiswahili to Emma who turned out to be my best student. We all bonded very fast and within no time we talked like we have known each other for long which was awesome.

At first I thought I might not enjoy the conference that much since I thought I wouldn't see anything new but I realized I didn't know much about my own country. Our visit to Kibera slum for the picture book project had a great impact into my life since I got the urge to create a difference in Kenya. As a Kenyan I realized we as Kenyans don't do a lot to improve our country. The people do not think of their neighbors and this is the reason why the gap between the rich and poor is increasing. I as a Kenyan youth can make a difference by having a positive thought and influencing my friends and for sure we can make a difference.

We also had a visit to Embu for homestay thanks to Alex for all the sacrifice he did to make it happen. The thing I liked about Embu is the way we all lived together like a community of rural Kenya despite our different backgrounds. We cooked and washed utensils together, ate Japanese and Kenyan food together, played together, shared stories and danced together. I learned a lot of Japanese culture during the cultural night and the climax of the homestay was during a photo session where we all dressed in our different cultural cloths.

Travelling together by use of Matatus from one Part of the Country to the other made it more fun. Long distances like to Nakuru and not forgetting the Nyahururu Thomson falls were fun filled. In Kenya we are blessed with

the land scenery though I have seen the Great Rift Valley many times, I'm still fascinated every time I take a glance of the escarpments and the plain.

Egerton was to be the climax of our conference as we had the tree planting project and the study session. Tree planting exercise come at the right moment when we had campaigns in Kenya on forest preservation and it made feel that I had fulfilled my obligation as a good Kenyan citizen. I learned a lot about Japan during the study session as we shared ideas and discussed the study topics.

We had other exiting experiences together not forgetting the visit to the Museum, the Kenyan archives and the bomblast memorial park. I got a chance to learn more of my Country history and by the end of it all I was more proud of being a Kenyan. Walking along the streets of Nairobi doing shopping and the club events at night makes me want to go back in time.

As the conference ended I had mixed feelings, I felt bad it was over and also overjoyed it was a success. I wished it had taken longer and we would have exploited more of the Kenya's great treasures but indeed I was satisfied.

My greatest achievement during the conference is the friendship I made with the other members. I met people whom I would have never met and created bonds that would last forever. I loved each and every member and for sure it was the best group to have for such an experience. Arigatou gozaimasu for every member's contribution to the conference. I love you all and forever you will remain in my heart.



Priscah Rotich

Japan Kenya Student Conference is aimed at bridging gap between Japan and Kenya. Every year JKSC holds a conference alternately in Kenya and Japan. In 2010, the 11th Conference was held in Kenya. And to me it made an impact as I took part in the conference.

I got an opportunity to talk part in the conference from the beginning to the end. At first it was so hard for me to cope with the members from both the Kenyan side and the Japanese members but with time I opened up and got to know them better hence improving the communication channel.

The visit to Kibera taught me a lot. Through the visit I got a chance to interact with the children who had different experiences. Kibera project was amazing and educative. Through the conference I had an opportunity to go for a home stay at Embu a place I have never been to. I like it very much despite the fact that it was wet and chilly. At home stay I got a chance to experiment my cooking skills on African traditional food and learnt some tips of cooking Japanese food. I was impressed by how both the Japanese and Kenyan members enjoyed the food. Through home stay we got a chance to exchange both Japanese and African culture. I got a chance to put on a kimono.

Through study session I got a chance to interact more with my study group members and through that I have gotten long term friends. In study session I got a chance to express my thought and learn how other people view things. Study session not only educated me but improved my team building skills.

Symposium was the most interesting as I got a chance to present on what my study session group had research. The presentation was amazing as it improved my presentation skills and also gave me a chance to learn more of what other study session groups had research. It was a success and I loved it.

Cultural day was interesting and very informative as we both had a chance to display our cultures to each other and the audiences present. To me this was important as it educated me on Japanese culture and how to relate with Japanese people. Not only is it all about Japanese and Kenyan culture but also how to relate with other people from

different walks of life.

In general JKSC 11th Conference was amazing. I had a good experience as I learnt a lot like leadership skills, team work and its importance. Different cultures and I was educated in general

Arigato



Chapter 6

Greeting from next chairpersons

Japanese 12th Chairperson

In Japan we call the act of making stones shine by knocking them together, “Takuma”. We call the act of competing and encouraging our friends on the way in improving ourselves “Sessa Takuma”. I think that each one of us are these stones that are knocking ourselves against one another to shine more brightly than before.

Friends

My encounter with Eric, who has become the chairperson along with me for the 12th conference, was at Jomo Kenyatta Airport. I remember asking him so many questions “What’s that in Kiswahili? what about that?” and Eric answering to me kindly, one by one, with a smile on his face. I am very honored, happy and feel reassured by his presence and for the continuing friendship that started that day. There are also memories and friendships which I have made with Gladys, vice chairperson of Kenya chapter, Kichi, the executive secretary, Issack, the finance and I believe that we can walk together strongly as JKSC.

Philosophy

At the beginning of the 12th conference, I would like to highlight the importance of our philosophy “Become the intermediary of Japan and Kenya” and “Reduce what we have achieved through our activity to the society” especially because we are an organization that is constructed with students. Members of student’s groups change in four years time, and for JKSC every year we have a completely new face. So what is the identity of our group and how do we maintain it? Why were we able to continue a group called ‘JKSC’ for eleven years? I think that one of the major aspects is that there is always passionate students who come together underneath our philosophy. Also there are so many supporters who have understood our philosophy and helped us through the past years. I take the fact that we must be very serious about our philosophy to also continue relationships with our supporters also.

Cooperate

As I highlight our philosophy I would also like to strengthen the cooperation between Japan and Kenya. Although we are an ‘international’

exchange group, we are one team beyond that fact. We have to take effort in trying to create opportunities to know each other more from during the annual activities since we are not only a group that is preparing for the main conference. Personally, I am aiming to create an environment where every member can positively commit and make the fundamentals of the 12th conference through conversing and not push my ideals.

A better society

Philosophy and Cooperation. There is a reason I have pointed out these two points. ‘Philosophy’ becomes one straight line for always thinking what is a ‘better society’ and how to make that ideal vision come true. By ‘Cooperating’ we can build a system that enhances to create a more cooperative society between Japan and Kenya, which helps us to understand each other more deeply than only depending our knowledge by books and other medias. Also within building the cooperation we can gain teamwork, the most up to date knowledge, attitude when we try to understand a different culture, new perspectives, ways of managing a team, which are important abilities in making our ideal visions become real. As a conclusion, JKSC can produce students that can think and with experience.

There is a saying in Swahili like this.

Bora kujenga madaraja kuliko kujenga ukuta
Better to build bridges rather than building a wall

Every one of us is a small stone. We ‘Sessa Takuma’ while we spend our time in JKSC, become shining stones and build a shining bridge. That bridge binds Japan and Kenya. Moreover, it connects the present and a better future. I would like to do my best in the 12th conference’s activities so there will be more stones that will be produced from JKSC.

Kenyan 12th Chairperson

The end of the 11th conference marks the beginning of the 12th conference. It is of my great pleasure to be the next Kenyan side chairperson. First I would like to thank the outgoing officials Alex and James Kenya side, Nami and Satomi Japan side for the job well done. They sacrificed a lot of time to make it perfect and for sure it was worth it.

The success of the 11th conference is a great challenge to me and Emma as we start the preparations for the next year's conference. The experience I had at the conference motivated me a lot to do something back for JKSC and I feel very privileged to lead the Kenyan side as we start the Preparations.

I congratulate the new Japan side Chairperson Emma Tsuji for the new role she has and I wish her all the best with the new team she is going to have. I admire the way she is hardworking and determined to make things happen.

I have great expectations for the 12th conference and I am very hopeful that it is going to turn out even better. During the 11th conference we experienced some misunderstandings which should have never happened if we had approached our problems in the right manner. I hope we won't encounter the same problems in the 12th conference.

My main goal is to make the 12th conference a success and everybody who will participate to have the best experience of his/her life. I will closely work with the Kenya side officials: Gladys, Kichi, and Isaack together with Emma to make everything fall into place.

I urge all the members to be active at their different university chapters and make JKSC bigger, better and stronger. I urge my fellow officials as we prepare for the 12th conference to be more hardworking and serious and also to have hope all will be well. I wish you all the best as we prepare and I can't wait for next year August to see it happen.

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Chapter 7

Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement

We could finish our all activity safely in Japan and Kenya including main conference and usual activity in 11th Japan Kenya Student Conference. This is the result of your supporting and cooperation to us in both countries. We could success our 11th main conference by your support and understanding of us not only the people who written in this report book but also many people who not written in this report book. We really appreciate to all people who back up our 11th Japan Kenya Student Conference all activity and main conference.

“We believe that we can’t see”

We can’t see our activity in each country. We can’t know as much about their effort before main conference. In addition to it, we can’t see our achievement by our eyes suddenly. Therefore, we always believed our emotional tie, possibility and hope and we made our main conference together. These are not able to see but very important for our activity and our life.

“Moving into the future – hand in hand” This is 11th main conference theme. We walked together, Japan and Kenya, believing all members even the situation was very difficult one. We stepped by step to our future by hand in hand between Japan and Kenya, hoping our decision and our activity in 11th conference will bring good effect in Japan Kenya Student Conference future. Furthermore Japan Kenya Student Conference is walking with Japan and Kenya to the future that made better world by moving through together.

On a final note, we really appreciate to all supporter in 11th Japan Kenya Student Conference, thank you so mach. We would like your understanding and cooperation to Japan Kenya Student Conference.

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