

## Impression of JICA Group Training Course

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Every year, The Japanese Government supports the developing countries in economic and technology. It is carried out on subjects and training course by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The Hydrographic survey 2005 (Internationally Accredited Category B Course) is one of the training courses of JICA.

The period from 10th May to 10th December, 2005 of my staying in Japan, I am luck to attend the training course with other persons from 9 nations (Indonesia, Jamaica, Pakistan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Philippines, Laos, and Thailand).

During this training course, I had gained a good help from JCG (Japan Coast Guard). I had learned systematically many advanced knowledge and technology on hydrographic survey.

This is very useful for my job when I go back to China.

My impression on Japan is a very good one. The railway system astonishes me most, the city is very beautiful, and the persons are very hard working. In general, the Japanese society is a very good one.

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**Mr. Gary Osmond Wright**  
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It is the first time a Jamaican representative has been chosen to be on the Category B Hydrographic Course since its inception and I am very proud to be the person that was selected. I would like to thank all those who are responsible, the Japanese Government, the Jamaican Government, the National Land Agency, JICA and the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard. It is an absolute gratitude to be here in Japan; and at the same time get a first hand look on the approach to hydrographic surveys by this first world country. The knowledge and experience that I have gained during my 7 month training is impeccable in its standards and will undoubtedly be applied in the drive to promote the safety of navigation in Jamaican waters. Domo Arigato Gozaimas!!



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Our training course was a great success. being new in this training course provide me with the better understanding and skill in hydrographic survey especially in handling various states of the art survey equipment as well as processing of survey data. The knowledge, skill and field expertise I learned during the field- training course would serve as my tools when I return back to my official duties in my country. On this opportunity, I want to express my deepest thanks, gratitude and much felicitation to Japan Government, through the JICA staff and Hydrographic department for unselfish effort in sharing all the methods and ideas pertaining to the course itself. The desire of government to help these underdeveloped countries and their friendship towards the world is quite very admirable and much appreciated. Also, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all my co-participants who were very cooperative and had helpful to make the course success.

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**Mr. Nazalino John Mugendi**  
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First let me take this opportunity to thank my God for enabling me this wonderful chance to study in Japan. Everybody in a lifetime would envisage such an opportunity to visit Japan .Thanks to JICA. My stay here has been fantastic since day one when I was accorded a warm reception right from the airport to TIC. All my programmes have been well coordinated by Mr.Abe Sadahiro and International Affairs Office Officers of JHOD. A wonderful hospitality ,humility and service exhibited by JICA Centers of TIC and Hyogo where I also visited during my practical training is only but comparable to none. Japan is a beautiful country, with a very kind and humble people , a wonderful well preserved culture, nice sceneries and very unique shrines. Japan's sound economy ,conducive political environment, history and culture is envied by any visitor and sets a good trend for many developing countries including Kenya. Kenya is the largest receiver of Japan technical assistance in sub-Sahara Africa and me being a beneficiary to this programme I am lost for words but would only say God bless Japan and long live JICA.



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**Ministry of Housing & Lands, MAURITIUS**



The Hydrographic Survey Course ( Internationally accredited category B Course ) was this year attended by 10 participants from 10 countries and Mauritius is very grateful to be one of the African countries together with Kenya to beneficiate from this course. In fact I am the seventh participant from Mauritius to attend this course. This training course has allowed me to gain a great deal of theoretical knowledge as well as practical technique in Hydrographic survey . As Mauritius is more and more diversifying its economy towards sea and ocean resources such as fishing industry , sea transport and an increasingly important connecting port between Asia and Southern African countries , trained personel in the field of hydrographic survey is becoming an urgent need for us. Moreover this training course has not only allowed me to gain knowledge in hydrographic field but also experience on the different aspect of Japanese culture such as resource management , discipline and hard work . Even though there were no lectures on these aspects but for me , I think it also from part of my training here. Mauritius has been accepted as IHO member in August this year and I believe that this has been possible with the unflinching support from the Government of Japan to Mauritius in the field of Hydrographic survey . My country has also benefited from the presence of JICA / JCG experts and hydrographic survey equipments from Japan. Finally I would like to seize this opportunity to thank the JICA ,

JHOD / JCG and the Government of Japan for their invaluable contribution in human resource development in developing countries like Mauritius and I hope that this cooperation will continue in the future.

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On this opportunity, it is an honor for me to convey my warm and heartfelt thank you for the government of Japan, JICA, JHOD, Lecturers, Instructors, course coordinator Mr. Abe and to all for their support in making sure that the required knowledge in hydrographic survey and a little bit of Japan is being thought to us. As for me, toward the end of this course there are a lot of changes in my perception with regard to the Hydrographic field, which is not my field of expertise before I came here. But now as I nearly complete the required syllabus of IHO, I realise that it is a tough and difficult field which involved a lot of man hours, delicate instruments which required a certain degree of knowledge and techniques to handle and not to mention the rough seas and the unpredicted weather. With the acquired knowledge, I will adopt and used it where ever it fit in my organisation.

Under the Malaysian government, Look East Policy, Japan has become an important centre for human resources development and Malaysia continues to enjoy excellent relations with Japan, a country that has been a strong supporter of and partner in Malaysia's economic development.

I conclude by thanking the EAHC Newsletter for providing me the opportunity to say a few words in this collum.

