

**STATEMENT FOR THE CABINET SECRETARY,  
HON. (AMB.) UKUR YATANI DURING THE  
SIGNING OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND  
EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR THE HEALTH  
SECTOR POLICY LOAN FOR ATTAINMENT OF  
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE PHASE 2 ON  
THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020 AT 8.30 A.M.**

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**H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie**

**Japanese Ambassador to Kenya**

**Members of the Japanese Delegation**

**Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**1. Let me** welcome you and your delegation to the National Treasury for the signing ceremony of the Loan Agreement and Exchange of Notes for Health Sector Policy Loan for Attainment of Universal Health Coverage Phase 2 Project. The signing of these agreements today for this project marks yet another development of our close bilateral cooperation between the Government of Kenya and the Government of Japan.

**2. Your Excellency,** allow me to record the Government's appreciation for the development assistance that the Government and people of Kenya have continued

to receive from Japan since the beginning of our bilateral cooperation in 1964. We are indeed very grateful to this valuable support to our development agenda. With your support and other development partners, we have been able to enhance the economic growth rate of our economy for the benefit of Kenyans. We have received so far on a cumulative basis, financial support amounting to **¥ 543.687 billion** or approximately **Kshs. Kshs. 481.34 billion** to date. Indeed, Japan is one of our major development partner.

**3. Over the years,** the projects that have benefitted from the Japanese development assistance include the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology and the Kenya Medical Research Institute, which have provided quality skills in the area of technology, innovation and medical research respectively. Others include the Construction of the Nairobi Missing Links Project, Development of water supply systems in Kapsabet, Embu, Narok and Baringo Town. Projects currently under construction through funding from your Government are; Mombasa Port Area Road Development Project, Mwea

Irrigation Development Project, Olkaria IV Geothermal Power Station and Olkaria – Lessos – Kisumu Power Transmission Line amongst others.

4. With the support from your Government, we have continued to substantially invest in infrastructure sector as demonstrated in the recently signed Loan Agreements for Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction project amounting to **¥ 47.8 billion (Approx. Kshs. 48.66 billion** and Mombasa Special Economic Zone development project amounting to **¥ 37.09 billion (Approx. Kshs. 37.76 billion**. These two are landmark projects with huge benefits for the coastal population.

5. **Your Excellency**, to deepen our cooperation, we today sign Exchange of Notes and Loan Agreement for the Health Sector Policy Loan for Attainment of Universal Health Coverage Phase 2 Project amounting to **J¥ 8 billion (Approx. Ksh. 8.14 billion)**. On behalf of the Government and the people of Kenya let me express my gratitude for this support noting that this is a special consideration in response to the Kenya Government's request to support our Health Sector, coming a time when<sub>3</sub>

we have huge challenge in the sector.

**6. Your Excellency, the Credit we have** received today will fund the **Universal Health Coverage** programmes, one of the Big 4 Agenda geared at achieving Universal Health Coverage in the country. Undoubtedly it will be a bigger booster to the fight against Covid-19 in the country.

**7. Your Excellency,** finally, we once again thank the Government of Japan for the continued support to development of our country and look forward for more cooperation.

**THANK YOU.**