

## South Africa's Urban Planning Administrators Learnt Sumida Areas Redevelopment

South Africa's administrators managing urban planning and development visited to Sumida area on March 8 to study how local governments and Urban Renaissance Agency (UR) have cooperated in redevelopment of a densely built-up urban area.

Following the first group in November 2022, the second group of 10 from Johannesburg, Buffalo, Ethekeeni, Nelson Mander Bay and National Treasury, took part in "JICA Public Finance Management for Development Programme" to achieve sustainable urban development for public finance and infrastructure in urban areas.

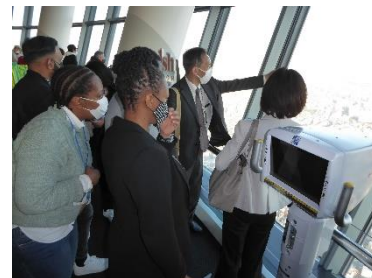
Mr ANDO Yoshikazu, Director of Business Planning, International Business Department, lectured on the history and methods the redevelopment of Sumida area, which are concept of the disaster prevention district, rights conversion for land readjustment and construction of housing complex for former residents.



After the lecture, Mr. Ando took them to Kyoujima 3<sup>rd</sup> district, Hikifune and Oshiage. The Sumida ward, the local government had strived to solve densely build-up urban areas in these areas since 1970's, UR has assisted its project since 1999.

Kyoujima 3<sup>rd</sup> district is a redevelopment project of dense residential area for constructing 4 meters wide ring road that it can be entered a fire-fighting pump.

In Hikifune, a large commercial facility and high-rise residential complexes were built on the site of a former factory site, resulting high land utilize was promoted.



Left: In front of Sprout Hikifune in Kyoujima 3<sup>rd</sup> district constructed by UR for former residents  
Center: In front of UR's reserved land for community development in Kyoujima  
Right: Mr. Ando explained Hikifune and Kyojima 3<sup>rd</sup> districts looking down from Sky Tree

In Oshiage, Tokyo Sky Tree was built after land readjustment in an underutilized freight yard.

Participants asked many questions such as the legal framework, unit ownership in housing complex, promote understanding among residents, and role sharing with local governments etc.

Mr. Ando emphasized importance which are long-span dialogue with residents to bring their behavior change, support for establishment of a community association, and partnership with local governments and private sectors.

A participant from Johannesburg, who is responsible for a strategic portfolio management, asked to share various methods of city planning based on technology and experience accumulated in Japan by UR. We promised to reply to him and other participants.



The JICA Program was terminated on end of March 2023. We cooperated in lectures, live discussions, and site visits on four occasions. South Africa is a representative country of the Global South and has potential for further development. We intend to keep good relationships with them.

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