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Zambian Urban Development Officials Deepened Understanding about Formation of a Multifunctional Urban Hub

10 Zambians, who are national and municipality's officials responsible for urban development in Metro Lusaka, took a lecture on "Formation of a multifunctional urban hub through new town project" in August 2 and visited Kohoku New Town. They were invited as counterparts of JICA project.

Mr. YOSHIDA, Executive Director of Department for Global Affairs, introduced the method of New Town planning and development for multifunctional city hubs. UR has achievements of developing three New Towns: Kohoku, Chiba and Tama.

Metro Lusaka is facing the challenge of densification and sprawl into the suburbs, even mass transportation is not in place. Therefore, participants asked many questions about urban development projects such as methods and systems for embodying higher-level plans into the regional plan, related laws and regulations, and land readjustment methods. They were also interested in how to secure the budget. Mr. Yoshida emphasized the importance of relationships with the national government for local governments with limited budgets.



Murichani! Muribuangi! Mr. Yoshida was in Zambia when he was young, and his greetings in Bamba and Chewa softened the atmosphere and lively discussions.

After the lecture, Director Ms. KURAI took the participants to Kouhoku New Town. Kouhoku New Town is about 25 km from the center of Tokyo and about 12 km from the center of Yokohama and the project area is 1,340ha.

She guided the entire town and particularly explained Green Matrix System and an Old Farmer's House to preserve green and history culture, as well as the area around the Center Kita Station, which reorganized the rights of many landowners and attracted a large-scaled commercial facility. Participants were interested in the vegetation of the Greenway Area and the materials and features of traditional Japanese houses.



The greenway area and the old farmer's house

The lecture and site visit were successful in attracting big interest of Zambian participants.

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In front of Center Kita Station