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# Technical Assistance through Japan's Fund-in-Trust

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# **Cooperation between the CIPC and the JPO**



### MOC

- Signed on September 2018
- Human Resource Development
  - 27 Trainees from South Africa (- FY2018)
  - 5 Experts to South Africa (- FY2018)

### TICAD7

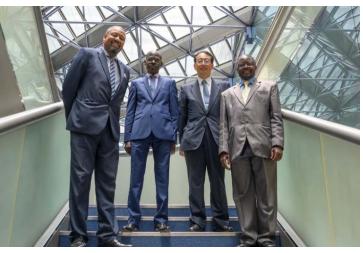
- Held in August 2019
- Panel Discussion
- Policy Dialogue



(Sign MOC)



(Panel Discussion)



(Attendees of the Policy Dialogue)



### Japan Funds-In-Trust/IP for Africa & LDCs (2008 - 2018)

- Established in 2008, in cooperation with WIPO, following the adoption of recommendation under the WIPO Development Agenda
- Started at 1.1 million Swiss Francs annual contribution
- Increased in 2015 to 1.6 million Swiss Francs

#### Japan FIT/IP Global (2019 - )

- Merged with FIT/IP for Asia and Pacific
- 5.78 million Swiss Francs in 2019

Japan FIT/IP supports technical assistance and capacity building in the field of industrial property in Africa



### Scholarships for up to 10 students per program (2010 - 2018)

- Cameroon jointly offered by University of Yaoundé II, OAPI, WIPO Academy
- Zimbabwe jointly offered by Africa University, ARIPO, WIPO Academy

Up to 12 students (2019 - )



(Photo: WIPO/Shingo Tsuda)



(Photo: Africa University)



- Data Capture, Validation and Verification
- Digitization
- Deployment of Industrial Property Administration System (IPAS)
- Training on IPAS



(Photo: WIPO)

# **Branding Project**

#### JPO JAPAN PATENT OFFICE

### Taita Basket

- Handmade by women in Taita Taveta County, Kenya
- Laboriously crafted in a traditional way from hand-twisted thin sisal fibers
- The knowledge of basket-making has been passed down through the generations, from mother to daughter

## Branding Project using IP

- Quality standards
- Collective mark





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# **More Information**



#### Japan FIT/IP Website

- https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds\_in\_trust/japan\_fitip/
- Digital story of Taita Basket
  - https://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds in trust/japan fitip/taita basket branding.html

