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To all persons in charge



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## Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Mombasa Port Construction Project, Kenya

The ground-breaking ceremony for the Mombasa Port Construction Project was held on December 5, 2012 with all concerned, including dignitaries beginning with the President of Kenya, in attendance.

Toyo Construction received an order as sole contractor for Package 1; Mombasa Port Container Terminal Construction Project from the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA). Following preparatory work to date, the project is now entering the stage of full-scale construction of offshore works, which is a main type of construction in the project.

A group of work ships, beginning with large-scale dredgers imported from various countries, has assembled offshore at the work site. Among these is the pile-driver and crane ship Toyo Simba, which was newly constructed on the occasion of the order for this project and will be used to support various kinds of offshore work in the Asian and African regions.

The recent ground-breaking ceremony was held by the client, KPA, marking the start of full-scale work. Dignitaries attending the ceremony included President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya, as well as government Ministers, senior government officials, and representatives of KPA on the Kenyan side. Those attending from the Japan side included H.E. Toshihisa Takata, Ambassador of Japan to Kenya, Mr. Hideo Eguchi, Director of the Kenya Office of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Mr. Tetsuo Yoshida, Deputy Director of the Overseas Operations Division of Japan Port Consultants, Ltd., and President Shigeki Mohri of Toyo Construction.

The ceremony began with an explanation of the project to President Kibaki by using drawings of Mombasa Port and a model of the completed project displayed at the site, followed by the planting of a commemorative tree and unveiling of a memorial plaque by the President, and the formal start of construction with pile-driving by the Toyo Simba. This gala event also featured a presentation of traditional Kenyan song and dance, and lasted from before noon until evening.

In the greetings from the invited dignitaries, speakers noted that the project will be carried out with a yen loan provided by the Japanese government through JICA. Above all else, increasing the capacity of Mombasa Port is an extremely important policy in view of the growing volume of container traffic, and moreover, the project is critical for the economic development not only of Kenya, but Africa as a whole. Those involved in the construction also mentioned that they feel that it is a great honor that they can participate in this kind of national project, and they take pride in this fact.

Those of us at Toyo Construction feel both humbled and inspired by participating in this magnificent ceremony. We will not forget this feeling in the future, and we will use our full technical capabilities to carry out this work to ensure the successful completion of the project.



President Mohri of Toyo Construction greets H.E. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya.



President Kibaki unveils the memorial plaque.





H.E. Toshihisa Takata,  
Ambassador of Japan to  
Kenya



Toyo Simba drives the first  
steel pipe pile.



Toyo Construction's pile-driver and crane ship, Toyo Simba