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KAMPALA TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE: GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency JICA have today broken ground for the construction of a traffic control centre at the City Hall in Kampala. The traffic control centre is part of the technical cooperation project named “The Project for Capacity Enhancement of KCCA in Management of Traffic Flow in Kampala City” launched between KCCA and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2015. This project which proposes a Japanese Traffic Control System named MODERATO will also lead to signalisation of up to 27 junctions and removal of Five (5) roundabouts in the City. These roundabouts are Rwenzori Courts, Grand Imperial, Mulago, Mulago Mortuary and Kubiri.

The Traffic control centre and signalisation of junctions’ project is aimed at curbing the menacing challenge of traffic congestion, into, within and out of the City’s Central Business District.

“Studies have informed us that traffic congestion in Kampala is leading to reduced productivity of the City’s workforce and business owners, increase in commuter fares, increase in road maintenance costs as well as increase in air pollution among others,” Said Dorothy Kisaka, the Executive Director KCCA at the ground breaking Ceremony.

“We are building a smart city, a transformational initiative ... focused on enhancing service delivery, improving the efficiency of our systems and services and propelling KCCA towards the achievement of its strategic plan.

This traffic control centre and streamlining of traffic flow is yet another of the various examples of leveraging **Technology** twinned with **Infrastructure** for our **People** wellbeing,” she added.

The Project is financed by a grant from JICA of JPY2.44 Billion (Approximately UGX 63 Billion) and is expected to be completed in 30 months from the day of ground breaking.

Note to the Editor:

Management of Origin-DEstination Related Adaptation for Traffic Optimization (MODERATO), is a traffic signal control system. The system also functions as a traffic information collection and provision system and is the nucleus of the Integrated Traffic Control System (ITCS) which belongs to the Universal Traffic Management System (UTMS).

Traffic Control Centre is a 3-storey building where the floors from the semi basement to semi-ground become the parking and storage (available number of cars parking: 12 cars, 8 motorcycles) while the traffic control centre function is placed in the first and second floor. In the Control room a large monitor shall be installed, which is placed in the top floor. This room shall be fitted with Access Control technology using contactless cards. There is a waiting room for traffic police closely positioned in case of VIP support and disaster management. There is also a space possible of accommodating maximum of 30 people at the floor where the traffic control guidance room is, where you can in addition tour the control room, educate the traffic rules and manners through videos showing examples of traffic signals, traffic signs and traffic accidents.

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