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Laban, who volunteered to introduce Kenya for African Kids Club at an event in 2015, now answers one of the most typical questions to students from foreign countries especially Africa: what triggered him to come to Japan far from his home country. He also shares his college life and current research on poverty at Sophia University, as well as his “investment” in Kenya to help young people stave off risks of drug and alcohol dependence.

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KAMIYA introduces his experience as a health care specialist in three different places (Northern Ghana, Western Kenya and Central Kenya). He also shared his views on foreign aid in health care sector.

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SAKUMA introduces three main activities of the Japan-Africa Children’s Book Project (JACBOP), which has 100 members: (i) provide continuous supports for Dream Library launched in two locations in Kenya, (ii) deliver books for literacy educations and pleasure to kids in Africa and (iii) convey African culture and information about kids in Africa to kids in Japan.

pp.12-13 **“Introduction of modern Swahili novel ‘Kichwamaji’” by ONODA Fuko**

ONODA introduces ‘Kichwamaji’, a modern Swahili novel written by Euphrase Kezilahabi. She touches upon personal history and previous works of the author then represents the story and a couple of key themes of the novel ‘Kichwamaji’, which are sexually-transmitted diseases and hydrocephalus.

pp.14-15 **“Reading a book ‘Disability and development in Africa’” by SUZUKI Yoichi**

SUZUKI puts comments on a book “Disability and development in Africa” which is compilation of theses on the governmental policy for people with disabilities and various undertakings initiated by disabled people themselves in African countries. He said he was inspired by the slogan “Nothing About Us Without US” which he believed is applicable to the modern society in Japan.

pp.16-17 **On the spot in Africa - NIGERIA: “Memories of life with sisters at Catholic Center in Onitsha” by KAWADA Kaoru**

KAWADA describes her visit to the Catholic Center in Onitsha, Southwest Nigeria. After a brief on the situation of sisters at the center, she narrates her experience working as a volunteer at an evacuation site for victims of flood of Niger River. In her narration, she recounts the situation of pregnant women in the site and the doctor’s activities for them.

pp.18-19 **AKC relay essay: “My style, my life” by TAMURA Bright Manfred Teru**

African Kids Club(AKC), initiated ten years ago, is now full of activities including a summer camp and a charity futsal event. This relay essay is for kids of AKC an opportunity to express their opinions freely. In this issue, TAMURA shares his life at school, his hobby and future plan.

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