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MEDIA RELEASE

**OFFICIAL VISIT OF H.E. MR. YOKOMICHI,
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPAN**

From 19th to 22nd of September, H E Mr Takahiro Yokomichi, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan will make an official visit to South Africa at the invitation of H E Mr Max Sisulu, the Speaker of the National Assembly of South Africa. This is the first visit by the Speaker of the Lower House of Japan to South Africa. During the visit, Mr Yokomichi will have a bilateral meeting with Mr Sisulu, Deputy National Assembly Speaker Ms Nomaindia Mfeketo and Chairpersons of a range of Parliamentary Committees. He will also meet Mr Bethel Nnaemeka Amadi, the President of Pan African Parliament at the PAP in Midrand, Gauteng.

Japan's cumulative investment in South Africa is the biggest among all Asian countries characterized by job creation and skills transfer for South Africans. A total of 108 Japanese companies have set up base in South Africa and contribute to jobs in sectors such as energy, railways, mining and automotives.

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