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KYOCERA Donates Solar Power Generating Systems to Schools in Tanzania and Uganda

Donation ceremonies held to convey the company's hopes for educational development

Kyoto/Neuss, 13. Juni 2013 – Kyocera Corporation announced that it has donated solar power generating systems to four secondary schools in Tanzania and three primary schools in Uganda. Donation ceremonies were held at the schools in Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) and Bushenyi (Uganda), in which the company conveyed hopes for the solar systems to help improve the school's infrastructure and contribute to the students' educational development.

The installations are part of donation projects that have been going on since 2009, in which Kyocera has been providing solar power generating systems to schools in Tanzania and Uganda that have no access to the electricity grid. The five-year projects consist of 600-watt solar power generating systems for 35 schools in total, each with storage batteries as well as basic equipment such as lamps, TV sets and radios – lighting up the classrooms and diversifying learning activities for the students. Furthermore, the solar systems are occasionally used as an electricity source for the people of the community to charge their mobile devices. With additional installations at seven schools in the last fiscal year, donations have already been made to a total of 28 schools, with seven more to follow by March 2014.

During the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in Japan, the Japanese Government

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pledged 3.2 trillion yen of public and private assistance to Africa over the next five years and stressed the importance of private sector investment. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pointed out that the key to meet the needs of countries in Africa lies in human capacity development. Kyocera believes in the great possibilities of the young generation in Africa and hopes that its donations in Tanzania and Uganda will help further the education of students who carry the future of the countries on their shoulders.

To directly convey these hopes, donation ceremonies were held in which a company representative interacted with the teachers and students.

In Tanzania, the ceremonies were held on June 7 at two representative schools in Kilimanjaro: Vumari Secondary School also attended by His Excellency Mr. Masaki Okada, Japanese Ambassador to Tanzania, and Mabilioni Secondary School. They were warmly welcomed with music and dances by the students, their parents and other people from the community. Donations in the last fiscal year also included Kirangare and Tae Secondary Schools.

In Uganda, the ceremonies took place on June 11 at all three schools in Bushenyi: Nyakarama Boarding Primary School, Ryakasinga Model Primary Boarding School, and Rweigaaga Day & Boarding Primary School, with the attendance of Mr. Yukihisa Nakano, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Uganda at the first two schools.

Kyocera representative Youichi Higashi, Manager of the Business Planning Department in the Corporate Solar Energy Group, stated, "I was deeply touched to receive handshakes from many students expressing gratitude. The value of electricity is difficult to understand in countries where power access is always available." In

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this digital era, electricity is ever more important for people living in rural regions of Tanzania and Uganda to keep up with the development in urban areas.

Kyocera started research into solar energy in 1975 when then-President Kazuo Inamori first recognized the long-term potential for solar technology to contribute to global energy demand. Shortly after, in the early 1980s, the company began providing solar power systems to regions without electricity in Pakistan, China and Nepal. Kyocera remains strongly committed to its business philosophy of utilizing solar energy for protecting the environment and the improvement of people's lives.

For more information about Kyocera: www.kyocera.eu

About Kyocera

Headquartered in Kyoto, Japan, Kyocera Corporation is one of the world's leading manufacturers of fine ceramic components for the technology industry. The strategically important divisions in the Kyocera Group, which is comprised of 228 subsidiaries (as of April 1, 2013), are information and communications technologies, products which increase quality of life, and environmentally friendly products. The technology group is also one of the largest producers of solar energy systems worldwide, with more than 3,0 gigawatts of solar power having been installed around the world to date.

The company is ranked #492 on *Forbes* magazine's 2013 "Global 2000" listing of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

With a global workforce of about 71,000 employees, Kyocera posted net sales of approximately €10.58 billion in fiscal year 2012/2013. The products marketed by the company in Europe include laser printers, digital copying systems, microelectronic components, finceramic products and complete solar power systems. The Kyocera Group has two independent companies in the Federal Republic of Germany: Kyocera Finceramics GmbH in Neuss and Esslingen and Kyocera Document Solutions in Meerbusch.

The company also takes an active interest in cultural affairs. The Kyoto Prize, a prominent international award, is presented each year by the Inamori Foundation — established by Kyocera founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori — to individuals and groups worldwide who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind (converted at present €500,000 per prize category).

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