18th October, 2016

MIT-JICA KAIZEN Project

The second KAIZEN Award Ceremony will be held on 20th October.

KAIZEN Award Ceremony

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (MITI) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been implementing a three years and 9 months KAIZEN Project, namely “*Project on Strengthening Manufacturing Enterprises through Quality and Productivity Improvement (KAIZEN)*” since April 2013. Simply said, KAIZEN refers to practice of continuous improvement of quality and productivity. After over three years of implementation of the project, MITI in collaboration with JICA will organize the second KAIZEN Award Ceremony to selected manufacturing enterprises implementing this initiative on 20th October, 2016 from 8:30 am to 14:30 pm at Lamada Hotel (Phone: 022 220 3134). Similarly, KAIZEN Master Trainers who proved to be superior in imparting to our stakeholders the concept would be awarded in the said ceremony. KAIZEN Strategy and Action Plans of KAIZEN Methodology will be launched as an official document of MITI at the ceremony. Thus, this press release is intended to announce the ceremony, achievement of the project so far, and future plans. Honorable Minister Charles Mwijage (MP), H.E. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan, Mr. Masaharu Yoshida, Permanent Secretary, Dr. Adelhem Meru, JICA Chief Representative, Mr. Toshio Nagase are scheduled to illustrate the ceremony.

KAIZEN Project

The KAIZEN project targets the manufacturing sector in three pilot regions of Dar es Salaam, Morogoro and Dodoma. The MIT established the Tanzania Kaizen Unit (TKU) to coordinate the implementation of KAIZEN which means continuous improvement. The project aims at establishing a framework and a methodology for improving productivity and quality of products in manufacturing enterprises in the three target regions, namely Dodoma, Morogoro and Dar es Salaam. To achieve these objectives, it has trained and certified 13 KAIZEN Master Trainers and two KAIZEN Trainers, and 48 enterprises have been benefited from it by receiving assistance from these trainers. The project has promoted KAIZEN through training in addition to the distribution of newsletters and booklets to raise awareness on KAIZEN and share experience. Up to now, over 1,000 people attended these seminars. Productivity improvement has been confirmed through this project. Now, the project prepares for the Second Phase which will start from March, 2016. Based on the KAIZEN Strategy and trained KAIZEN Master Trainers, 1,000 enterprises will be benefitted by the project.

**Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment**

**Tanzania KAIZEN Unit**

**NSSF Water Front, 4th Floor,**

**11469 Dar es Salaam**

**Onesmo Mbelle** **onesmo.mbelle@gmail.com**

**Takao Kikuchi** **T.Kikuchi@unico-intl.co.jp**