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DIA

Attn: Admin Secretary

From: Chief Representative - Tokyo

RE: VISIT OF MR. HISAO YAMAGUCHI - DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN AND EASTERN  
AFRICA DIVISION - JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry informed our office two days ago that their  
new Director of Southern and Eastern Africa Division, Mr.H. Yamaguchi will  
visit South Africa in February,1992. Please find enclosed his cv.

Foreign Ministry requests that DIA arrange a formal meeting to meet and  
discuss with Mr. Yamaguchi and his delegation issues of mutual interest.

Of particular interest is:

- (a) ANC views/opinions on latest Japanese moves-  
lifting of sanctions and upgrading relations with Pretoria.
- (b) How to strengthen relations.
- (0) CODESA etc.

Mr. Yamaguchi and his delegation will also want to pay a courtesy call to  
some ANC leaders,like Secretary General, National Chairperson and Cde  
President if possible.

Itinery of Mr. Yamaguchi:

- (a) Johannesburg arrive JHB on Feb 12 (16.10)  
depart JHB on Feb 14 (10.45)
- (b) Cape Town arrive CT on Feb 26 (11.05)  
depart CT on Feb 28 (16.00)

Mr. Yamaguchi will also visit a number of Southern and Eastern African  
countries in between his South Africa visit.

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We had a succesful 80th Anniversary Reception yesterday,(22.01.1992)  
attended by estimated 250 people: Ambassadors, Parlimentarians,leaders  
of Trade Unions,citizens groups,and journalists etc.Mr. Yamaguchi also  
attended on behalf of the Japanese Government.

Regards

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Chief Representative-Tokyo.

To:  
18th Nov. 1991  
DIA  
Attn: Cde T. Mbeki / Saloojee  
From: Jerry Matsila  
. The Japanese Foreign Ministry informed us that we can apply to Kagiso Trust for funds needed for publicity, information, regarding Negotiations. They advised our office that they will write to Kagiso Trust to that effect.  
. Send information related to our 80th anniversary with Ms.Yoko FURUYA, Japanese Anti-Apartheid artist now visiting South Africa. Please ask DAC for her whereabouts.  
Two different delegation from Japan will be visiting ANC in January;  
(a) IMADR for our 80th anniversary( see previous communication )  
(b) Soka Gakkai International( SGI ) to deliver sports goods to Northern Cape Region of ANC( equipments for 5 sport codes in 15 towns / villages )  
With OTG-Finance understanding, our Mission is allocating R 300,000 to about 10 organizations / departments, financing 12 projects. It is our aim to continue collecting funds for these projects in 7 regions of our country.( see the previous report )  
. A month ago I wrote a letter to DIA informing of my desire to visit South Africa around December ending till early January, to accompany the above delegations, visit the regions we intend to continue sponsoring and have a weekly private visit to consider where one will settle in the future.  
. We have not yet received any names for the Training Programme offered by Japanese government or names for 5 scholarships offered by SGI(3) and RENGO, Japan Confederation of Trade Union(2). Please ask both manpower and Education Department to act - we tried for EIGHT MONTHS. Nothing!  
. One of our staff-member, Mr.Hirano is recuperating from heart-operation. He will join us soon.

8. The JAALA( Japan Africa, Asia, Latin America Solidarity Committee ) has continued suspending funding of our office. It is 5 months now. We are considering writing them a letter this week to ask them to stop using ANC name for collecting money from Japanese people in the name of "Maintaining ANC office and Chief Representative". The people should send money straight to ANC office.

Regards,

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J. Matsila

Chief Representative to Japan

4th Dec. 1991

Comrade Thabo Mbeki

The Director

ANC International Department

National Head Office

Johannesburg

Re: Official Invitation for Jgpanese Government

Dear Comrade Thabo,

Over the past years the Japanese Government understanding of the South African situation and its complex nature has improved considerably. This understanding was reflected during the official visit of Comrade President Nelson Mandela to Japan Oct./Nov. 1990, and increased support to Black Communities through various channels and upgrading of contact with ANC Japan Mission.

Our Mission strongly recommend that the ANC impress upon other participants to the forthcoming Conference for a Democratic Future( CODESA ) December 20-21, that the Japanese Government be also invited to attend, if other governments are invited. This will strengthen the resolve of the Japanese government to participate in processes to a new South Africa and reconstruction in Post Apartheid South Africa.

Even if the Japanese Government might not be in position to send a top official from Tokyo to attend, an invitation which might be passed to Consulate General in Pretoria, we will always be remembered in future bilateral negotiations with the Japanese Government for having them on board with us towards a new, democratic and just South Africa.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Amandla!

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Jerry Matsila

Chief Representative to Japan