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In October last year, the Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS), Prof. Edward K. Kirumira, together with colleagues from Kyoto University Center for Asian & Africa Area Studies submitted an application to the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Sciences (JSPS) for the second phase of the African Potential Project. It was reviewed by the Experts Committee in April, and there is confirmation .that it has been successfully approved for June 2016 to March 2021.

The first phase supported African and Japanese scholars for Annual meetings/Forum in Nairobi, Harare, Juba, Yaoundé and finally Addis Ababa. The second phase will support the next-generation of researchers like junior staff or PosDocs to do research in collaboration with Japanese next-generation researchers.

It will be launched at CHUSS, Makerere University on December 10-11, 2016.

The African Potentials project, funded by the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Sciences and the Japanese government, is a Platform for conversation on Conflict Resolution and Co-existence, linking this to Africa's search for sustainable development models/frameworks. Forums have been held in Nairobi (2011), Harare (2012), Juba (2013), Yaoundé (2014), Addis Ababa (2015) and Kyoto (2016). The networking has become thicker and wider, collecting along the way an interesting and engaging group of African and Japanese scholars, increasing the number of research and academic institutions in the process.