

Human resources development for gastrointestinal diseases in Kenya (Endoscopy)

● Background

In Kenya, mortality rate of NCDs has increased to 40.8% in recent years. Cancer is the 3rd leading cause of death and accounts for 7% of annual deaths in Kenya and in the gastrointestinal area, esophageal cancer, colorectal cancer, and gastric cancer are the leading causes of morbidity and mortality. It is urgent to develop human resources for improvement of medical care level of digestive disease.

● Objective

To develop human resources for improvement of medical care level of digestive disease in Kenya by conducting training activities of gastroenterological endoscopy in cooperation with medical experts.

● Outline

Training activities will be conducted in cooperation with Kyushu Univ. Japan which is very professional for endoscopy training for foreign doctors, mainly in teaching hospitals in Nairobi (Kenyatta National Hospital) and surrounding counties, where Japanese endoscopy devices have been equipped by ODA.

● Expected outcomes and effects

- It will contribute to improve the level of medical care of gastrointestinal diseases for Kenyans, especially promoting the dissemination of early detection and treatment of cancer will be effective for extending life expectancy.
- We aim to raise awareness for the utility of the latest Japanese medical technology and devices, and to widely disseminate and establish them in Kenya in the future.

