

Launch of 16th Cohort of the Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) Programme at Africa University!

On 17 August, the opening ceremony of the 16th Cohort of the Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) programme took place at Africa University in Mutare. The MIP programme is supported by Japan, through the Japan Funds-in-Trust at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). There are 32 new students in the programme, coming from 15 African countries. They are all experts in their fields, seeking to further their knowledge in intellectual property (IP), in order to promote innovation in their respective countries.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ambassador Tanaka expressed his hope that the students would contribute to the development of their countries after completing the course. The Vice-Chancellor of Africa University, Rev. Prof. Peter Mageto, encouraged the students to have big dreams. The representative of WIPO, Mrs Martha Chikowore, hoped the students would bring IP closer to people in Africa, so that they could utilise their creativity and market their products. The representative of ARIPO, Dr Outule Rapuleng, thanked Japan for maintaining its support for the programme. Finally, the guest speaker, Mr David Jeng, an alumnus from Gambia, hoped that African countries would change from being consumers of inventions made in other countries, to being producers of inventions.

(Photos below)



Group photo



16th Cohort MIP Students



Ambassador remarks



Vice-Chancellor remarks



WIPO Representative remarks



ARIPO Representative remarks



Remarks by guest speaker, Mr David Jeng



Audience



University choir