



## JICA chair academic forum at sokoine university of agriculture



### Agricultural Mechanization in Tanzania and Japan: Sharing Experience and Lesson Learning

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) is pleased to announce the JICA Chair Academic Forum, to be held at SUA on **17th February 2026**. The forum aims to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing between Tanzania and Japan in the field of agrarian development.

The event will be graced by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, who is expected to serve as the Guest of Honour. During the forum, there will be insightful presentations and an engaging panel discussion focusing on sharing experiences and lessons learning on agricultural mechanisation in Tanzania and Japan.

The topics for presentation and panel discussion will be:

1. Policy environment on agricultural mechanisation in Tanzania - Prof. Geoffrey C. Mrema, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).
2. Japan's experience in agricultural mechanisation - Prof. Koichi Shoji, Kobe University.

The panellists will include Prof. Geoffrey C. Mrema (SUA), Prof. Koichi Shoji (Kobe University), the Director of Agricultural Mechanisation (MoA) and a JICA Expert.

Details of the event:

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

**Time:** Starting at 8.00 am

**Venue:** Institute of Continuing Education (ICE), SUA

The forum is open to all students, particularly those pursuing degree programmes in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Water Resources Engineering, Agronomy, and related fields. It also welcomes academic members of staff at SUA, researchers, industry professionals, and all individuals interested in the development of agricultural mechanisation.

We look forward to welcoming you to this academic forum, exciting and thought-provoking event.

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