

President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame on Tuesday will begin a two-day official visit to the Republic of Japan where they are scheduled to meet with top officials to strengthen relations between Rwanda and Japan.

According to an official statement released ahead of the visit, Rwanda and Japan share excellent and longstanding bilateral relations with cooperation that spans economic, trade and investments, technical assistance and capacity building areas.

The two countries cooperate in energy, water and sanitation, agriculture, as well as education and transport. Japan's interventions are through; non-project grant aid, technical support, programme approach, and loans. Japanese investments in Rwanda are mainly in agro-processing, hospitality, horticulture, mining, ICT and service sectors. Currently, 24 Japanese companies are doing business in Rwanda.

On the first day of their visit, President Kagame and First Lady Jeannette Kagame will pay a courtesy call to their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko of Japan and hold bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and First Lady Akie Abe of Japan. Later in the evening, President Kagame and Jeannette Kagame will attend a Dinner hosted in their honor by the Japanese Prime Minister and First Lady.

On the second day of the visit, President Kagame will address a Japan-Rwanda Business Forum and interact with the Japan-AU/Japan-Rwanda Parliamentary Friendship Leagues.