

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I am particularly pleased to write this letter to all of you at this point in Africa's development struggles. There are many signs that for many countries in Africa, the economic growth is picking up pace and significant progress is being made by individual entrepreneurs with little or no incentives from the government while in other countries, there are many problems that are exacerbated by poor infrastructural issues which undermine progress.

Countries such as Nigeria, South Africa, and Ghana have improved significantly and continue to attract foreign investment in spite of the sluggish global economic growth. Nigeria has become the largest economy on the continent of Africa. For Nigeria and a few other countries, they have become "shopper's paradise" in which foreign and domestic goods flood the market.

In spite of all these positive strides, things such as health, sanitation, electricity, water, and environmental matters are not adequately addressed by the public and private sectors. The recent outbreak of Ebola virus in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Nigeria, signal the underlying public health matters that need attention. The World Health Organization (The United Nations) and the respective countries and taking the necessary steps to address the problems.

One thing is clear, African countries can continue to make progress with responsible governments in place that would address the myriad of issues impinging on sustainable development and the sustainability of development project, efforts, and programs.

The papers in this issue document efforts being made in different countries and the significance of globalizing economic integration. We continue to appreciate your support and welcome your contribution to the JSDA publication.

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