



The bridge is expected to be complete next year and will also serve as a tourist attraction because of its uniqueness

New Nile Bridge takes shape

By Tadeo Dwambale

Construction of a magnificent cable stayed bridge over the Source of the Nile in Jinja is taking shape and changing the landscape.

Upon completion, the 525 metres long New Nile Bridge will be the longest in Uganda. Construction work is expected to be completed by the end of June next year.

The new bridge will complement the Nalubaale Bridge, which was built in 1954 and has since outlived its lifespan, according to early studies.

According to the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA), about 57% of physical works have been completed and the project will be completed on time.

"Our contractor is now working 24 hours. The bridge will have tremendous impact on the economy of Uganda," said Allan Ssempebwa, UNRA's media relations manager.

It is funded by the Government and Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) at a cost of sh390b, with Uganda contributing over 50% of the sum.

The new bridge will have design features that allow for faster flow of both cargo and regular traffic, with two traffic lanes and a walk-way in each direction. It has a design speed of 120km per hour. It will be supported by a single plane of cable stays anchored in the middle of the girder, making it the first bridge to employ cable technology.

The contract for the project was awarded to Zenitaka Corporation and Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd under a joint venture.



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Nile Bridge is part of efforts to improve transport along the Northern Corridor, an important highway connecting east and central Africa, stretching far to the Indian Ocean at Mombasa, Kenya, to the Atlantic Ocean at

Matadi, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Road transport accounts for over 95% of all the freight movement across the region, but much of the network is dilapidated.

The project is also one of the recent massive infrastructure projects envisaged to boost transport, connectivity and industrialisation. For instance, the new bridge will later be linked to the proposed Kampala-Jinja Expressway, a four-lane toll highway linking Kampala to Jinja whose construction is yet to start.

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By Henry Sekanjaka

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