


Hotels, taxis reap huge from Ticad conference

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Nairobi hotels and taxi companies have hugely reaped from global events held in the capital in the last two years.

Some hotels have recorded full bed occupancy as 10, 000 guests and 35 Heads of State and government attended the just concluded Sixth Tokyo International Conference of Africa's Development (Ticad VI) in Nairobi.

Taxi companies have also experienced a windfall, thanks to a surge of foreign customers.

It was the first time the forum was being held in Africa and it offered an opportunity for the local hospitality industry to showcase its ability to host global business and political leaders.

A spot-check by *People Daily* revealed a flurry of activity at most of the city's luxurious hotels.

Over 67 hotels were fully booked, with all presidential suites taken. Hotels also benefited from side events and conferences taking place outside the main event held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

7,000 delegates

Last month, Nairobi hosted the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad). Six Heads of State, more than 70 ministers and 7,000 delegates attended the six-day conference.

In July last year, Kenya hosted the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) which was attended by US President Barack Obama.

It brought together entrepreneurs and government officials.

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