

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. KIYOSHI KOINUMA,  
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA,  
ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING THE GRANT CONTRACT BEIT  
CURE HOSPITAL, 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to be here today at this signing ceremony for the Grant Contract between the Embassy of Japan and Beit CURE Hospital. Today, the Government of Japan is pleased to provide a Grant amounting to 91,138 US Dollars in order to implement **The Project for the Improvement of X-Ray Equipments of Beit CURE Hospital in Lusaka.**

This Grant has been provided under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects Programme of the Government of Japan. The programme was introduced in Zambia in 1990. The primary objective of this programme is to support various development and human security projects at the grassroots level. Until now, more than 160 projects have been funded and implemented in this country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The recipient organization, Beit CURE Hospital has provided orthopedic services, neurological treatments, spine medication, ENT, and plastic surgery to more than

1,700 patients every year. Through providing these medical services, the hospital has contributed to social and economical independence among disabled citizens.

However, it is impossible to manage data with old analog equipments. It causes long waiting time among patients. In addition, since the process of filming has been done manually, diagnosis cannot be accurate enough for special treatment.

For the purpose of improving the access to high-quality medical service among Zambian citizens, the government of Japan is pleased to support the implementation of The Project for the Improvement of X-Ray Equipment of Beit CURE Hospital in Lusaka.

This project is going to be implemented in cooperation with a Japanese private company, FUJI FILM. Beit CURE Hospital is going to introduce FUJI FILM's X-ray equipments. On the other hand, FUJI FILM SOUTH AFRICA Ltd is going to contribute by sending its technicians, to support the installation of the equipment, or providing training for hospital staff.

FUJI FILM is one of the representative Japanese companies, which is well-known in the sphere of cameras or films. In addition, the company provides quality medical equipment all over the world. It is a great pleasure that Japanese companies with high-technology develop their business to improve social welfare in Zambia. Through implementing this project, I hope more Zambian citizens make use of Japanese medical equipment and more Japanese companies would contribute to the development of Zambia.

We held TICAD VI on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Nairobi, Kenya. As we declared, Japan will support African countries to promote resilient health systems for quality of life. Through utilising our strength in technology, Japan will contribute to strengthening health systems, responding to public health crises, realizing universal health coverage for African Countries.

Finally, let me emphasise that the funds for this Project are coming from Japanese taxpayers. It is my sincere hope that this project will benefit the Zambian citizens and the bilateral relationship between Zambia and Japan.

Thank you for your attention.

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