

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. KIYOSHI KOINUMA, AMBASSADOR OF  
JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
HANDOVER OF THE NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUILDING TO  
KALINGALINGA CENTER FOR THE CARE OF ORPHANS, ON 16<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Guest of Honor,

Mrs. Chibesa Kankasa,

Mrs. Christine Mulundika, Secretary of Zambian Freedom Fighter Association,

Members of Zambian Freedom Fighter Association,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to be here today on behalf of the Government of Japan to hand over the new community school building to Kalingalinga Center for the Care of Orphans. This Project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects. The Grant Contract amounting to 86,696 US Dollars was signed on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

The aim of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects is to support economic and social development at grassroots level. This project was introduced in Zambia in 1990, and more than 160 projects have been implemented.

Kalingalinga Center for the Care of Orphans was established by Mrs Chibesa Kankasa in 1994 to support orphans and vulnerable children in Kalingalinga area.

The government of Japan has assisted the construction of the new school building at Kalingalinga Center for the Care of Orphans through “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects” since the community still has many orphans and vulnerable children who do not have access to appropriate education.

The expansion of the community school enables more than 120 children to study in a proper environment. The children educated at this school would develop their skills and knowledge to broaden their own future. In addition, these children must contribute to the economy of the community and, furthermore, the development of this country.

I hope that this newly constructed school building will help to uplift the living standards of Kalingalinga area cooperating with the community, the government and the citizens.

We held TICAD VI on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, August, 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya. As we declared, Japan will support African countries to empowering youth and women. Through supporting the quality education, the Government of Japan will contribute to human resource developing for African Countries.

Japanese people have been supporting the economic and social development of Zambia since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1964. It is my sincere hope that the facility will be fully utilised in a sustainable manner. I hope this project will benefit the people of Zambia and then the bilateral relationship between Zambia and Japan will be further accentuated.

Thank you for your attention.

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