

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. KIYOSHI KOINUMA,
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE HANDOVR OF NEW COMMUNITY
CLINIC TO ZAMBIA TUBERCULOSIS AND LEPROSY TRUST, ON 22ND
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Dr. Lumbwe Chiwele, Chairman - Board of Directors, Zambia Tuberculosis and Leprosy Trust,

Mrs. Charity Habeenzu, CEO Zambia Tuberculosis and Leprosy Trust,

Ms. Grace Hameja, Principal TB Officer, Community Focal Point Person -
Ministry of Health

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 clinic to Zambia Tuberculosis and Leprosy Trust (ZATULET). This Project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects. The Grant Contract amounting to 103,008 US Dollars was signed on 26th February, 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.

ZATULET has worked for case-finding, diagnosis, treatment, prevention of TB and HIV/AIDS in 12 project sites spreading 5 provinces since 1998. In 2005, ZATULET opened a clinic in Massmedia area, Lusaka, in order to tackle with serious HIV/AIDS infection in urban area. However, the capacity of the small clinic was limited to accommodate all of the patients who were suffering from TB and HIV/AIDS in this area.

Therefore, the Government of Japan has funded the project to construct a new community clinic and furnish it with medical equipment. It allows the clinic to accommodate more than twice patients and to enhance the quality of medical services. It is my sincere hope that the project leads to activate cares and pretension of HIV/AIDS for African countries.

We held TICAD VI on 27th and 28th, August, 2016, in Nairobi, Kenya. As we declared, Japan will support African countries to promote resilient health systems for quality of life, by way of addressing various health issues including Ebola, HIV/AIDS, TB, or Malaria. Japan will continuously contribute to strengthening health systems, responding to public health crises, realizing universal health coverage 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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