

Statement of Mr. Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to Zambia  
at the signing ceremony for the Project for the Construction of  
New Science Laboratory at Kasisi Girls' Secondary School in Chongwe,  
Lusaka Province

Sr. Prisca Phiri and Members of Kasisi Girls' Secondary School,  
Representatives from the Media,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning.

It is my honour and pleasure to sign the grant contract, on behalf of the Government of Japan, of a project of "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects", i.e. the Project for the Construction of New Science Laboratory at Kasisi Girls' Secondary School in Chongwe, Lusaka Province.

We appreciate the education of Kasisi Girls' Secondary School not only for vulnerable girls in Kasisi area but also for orphan girls throughout Zambia accommodating them at their school.

Kasisi Girls' Secondary School provides education to about 350 girls of the ages from 14 to 19. However, as the school does not have an appropriate science laboratory, it is not able to conduct scientific experiments as requested by the curricula of the Ministry of General Education.

Thus building a new science laboratory in the school was hoped for and the school requested Japan to assist its construction.

We considered and decided to extend US\$ 91,613 ( 877,569 Kwacha ) for the construction of a new science laboratory building with three experiment rooms and for procuring the necessary furniture and equipment.

When completed, about 350 girl students from Grade 8 to Grade 12 will be able to conduct appropriate scientific experiments, paving the way for obtaining the certificate of the completion of Grade 12.

I hope that the construction will proceed smoothly and the benefits which I mentioned will be realized soon.

Thank you.