

**Remarks of Mr. Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic
of Zambia at the Ceremony to Hand Over Computers to Prince Takamado
Primary School on Monday 9 October 2017**

The Hon. Margaret Mwanakatwe, Minister of Commerce, Trade and
Industry of the Republic of Zambia,
Ms. Agnes Musonda, Acting Head Teacher, Other Teachers and Students of
Prince Takamado Primary School,
Representatives of JTI Leaf Zambia, Toyota Zambia, Kansai Plascon, Hitachi
Construction Machinery Zambia, Toyota Tsusho Zambia, and JICA,
Distinguished Guests,
Representatives from the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to say a few words at this Ceremony to hand
over computers donated by Japanese companies and JICA to Prince
Takamado Primary School.

At the outset, it is my privilege to convey to all teachers, students and their
parents of Prince Takamado Primary School the best wishes from Her
Imperial Highness Princess Takamado.

I had an opportunity to have the audience with Her Imperial Highness last
June when I took a leave in Japan, to explain to the Princess about my visit
here last January and how the teachers and students were.

Then the Princess entrusted me to convey her best wishes to all of you at
Prince Takamado Primary School.

Now I am happy to honour my commitment with the school to return here,
and with my homework done for the school.

When I visited this school last January, I was requested to visit again, and
received several requests to consider also.

The request for more computers was the top priority request among these
requests.

So I consulted Japanese companies here and JICA and asked them to consider the possibility of donating computers.

I was glad that they responded very positively, considering the facts that this school had been built by the cooperation from the Government of Japan, opened on the occasion of the visit of Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamado and was named after the Prince.

In addition to donation of computers, JTI Leaf Zambia also offered to renovate the room to properly accommodate the increased number of computers.

Now the renovation of the computer room has been completed, and a total of 70 computers have been delivered.
Congratulations!

I am proud of these Japanese companies and organization which donated the computers and the new computer room, whose representatives are present here.

I am confident that with the additional computers, the students of Prince Takamado Primary School will be able to study more in a comfortable manner.

So I hope that the students here will in fact study harder and achieve better academic results.

In conclusion I hope that Prince Takamado Primary School which is a symbol of friendship between Japan and Zambia will play an important role in the education in Zambia and thus will contribute to the development of this country.

Thank you.