

**Remarks of Mr. Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic
of Zambia at the Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Construction of
Kabwata Development Youth Centre in Lusaka
on Friday 2 February 2018**

Ms. Grace Mtonga, Executive Director, and Members of Civic Forum on
Housing and Habitat in Zambia,
Representatives from the Media,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to represent the Government of Japan at this
Signing Ceremony for a project of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human
Security Projects by the Government of Japan, for the Construction of
Kabwata Development Youth Centre in Lusaka, amounting to up to
US\$ 86,030, or 821,940 Zambian Kwacha.

TICAD VI, held in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 2016, attached importance to
human resources development to promote economic diversification and
industrialization in Africa to create “Quality Africa”, among other priority
issues.

Kabwata area in Lusaka City, among other areas, has a huge population of
young people who are in need of additional education and training after their
primary school education.

Under the circumstances, Civic Forum in cooperation with other
organizations, formulated a proposal of constructing Kabwata Youth Centre
to train 100 girls and 100 boys, and requested the Government of Japan to
fund its construction.

We considered the proposal and decided to respond positively.

When completed, Kabwata Development Youth Centre will possess various
classrooms and a computer laboratory, to be engaged with the skills
development of 200 boys and girls at such courses as artisans, hospitality

and catering, plumbing, tailoring, electrical, environmental management, and entrepreneurship.

I hope that this project will proceed smoothly to contribute to human resources development in Zambia, and create "Quality Zambia".

Thank you.