

Statement of Mr. Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to the  
Republic of Zambia at the Handover Ceremony of a New Science Laboratory  
at Kasisi Girls' Secondary School in Chongwe, Lusaka Province  
on Tuesday 23 October 2018

Ms. Edith Muwana, Acting Permanent Secretary Representing the Hon.  
Bowman Lusambo, Minister of Lusaka Province,  
Mr. Christopher Sinkamba, Provincial Education Officer,  
Mrs. Ruth Phiri, Chongwe District Education Board Secretary,  
Sr. Sylvia Kagulura, Chairpaerson, and Members of the Board of Kasisi Girls'  
Secondary School,  
Dr. Jonathan Tambatamba, Chairperson and Executive Members of P.T.A. of  
the School,  
Sr. Prisca Phiri, Headteacher and Teachers and Students of the School,  
Representatives from the Media,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to represent the Government of Japan at this  
Handover Ceremony of a New Science Laboratory at Kasisi Girls' Secondary  
School in Chongwe, Lusaka Province.

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.

We appreciate the activities of Kasisi Girls' Secondary School, which  
currently accommodates about 430 girls at Grades 8 to 12, particularly for its  
education not only for vulnerable girls in Kasisi area but also for orphan girls  
throughout Zambia having them stay and learn at the school.

However, as the school did not have an appropriate science laboratory, it had  
challenges in relation to the curricula of the Ministry of General Education.

Thus the building of 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 up to 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, and Sr. Phiri and I signed a grant contract for this purpose in February last year.

With the completion of a new science laboratory, the girl students at Kasisi Girls' Secondary School are now able to conduct appropriate scientific experiments.

Congratulations!

I hope that with the new science laboratory, Kasisi Girls' Secondary School will contribute to human resources development in Zambia, and creating "Quality Zambia", and thus to develop to become a symbol of friendship between Zambia and Japan.

Thank you.