

# Fake PhD's out - Prof Simukanga

By NATION REPORTER

**P**EOPLE who have not earned the qualification should not use the Doctor (Dr) nomenclature, Higher Education Authority (HEA) director general professor Stephen Simukanga warned in Lusaka.

Prof Simukanga said honorary doctorates bestowed on some individuals in appreciation of their works by institutions should not be used as titles, unless when dealing with institutions which honoured them because they were not supposed to be used in the first place.

"We had and still have a lot of prominent leaders like Nelson Mandela and Robert Mugabe, to mention but a few who were honoured by some institutions for their works, but they are not using their honorary doctorates

as titles," he said. He also warned that university professors who acquired their professorship without consummate standards will have their professorship revoked to protect the highest qualification. Prof Simukanga

said the authority would soon come up with regulations on how people should be promoted to become professors to ensure that the professorship was guided accordingly. He said if the promotion of the professors was

not recognised, it would have an impact on their grading and assessment. The authority would come up with strategic plans as roadmap to improve service delivery and safeguard the title of professor, he said.

## Universal TV, mobile signal coverage on cards

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**GOVERNMENT** intends to provide universal television and mobile signal coverage in the next 18 months, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Dora Siliya has said.

Ms Siliya said this called for consistent provision of local content as Government continued implementing the digital migration programme.

The minister who was speaking when she officiated at a Digital Migration Conference in Lusaka yesterday, noted that there was also need to think of

legislation to regulate and protect society in the wake of advancement in technology.

She added that with the development of digital migration, there was need for interrogations of the digital space as they had come to stay.

"Digital migration offers a number of opportunities that can translate into wealth creation for the country," she said.

Minister of Justice, Given Lubinda said there was need to come up with legislation that supports the growth of the media industry and also protects society from abusers of technology.

Mr Lubinda added that Government would ensure it took into consideration interests of various players in the media industry in coming up with the legislation.



Dora Siliya

## PS hails Japan for Luapula projects

By MUKOSELA KASALWE in Mansa

**THE** economic cooperation between Japan and Zambia will unlock the investment potential of Luapula Province especially in tourism and agriculture sectors and improve living standards of the people

in the region, says Acting Permanent Secretary Royd Chakaba.

He said the province valued the technical cooperation between Zambia and Japan because it would improve the living standards of the people.

Mr Chakaba was speaking when Japanese ambassador to

Zambia Heinobu Sobashima paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Mansa on Monday.

Mr Sobashima congratulated the province for having held a successful investment forum and expo to showcase its investment opportunities.

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