

Statement of Mr. Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to the
Republic of Zambia at the Handover Ceremony of a Japanese Television
Program on Thursday 21 March 2019 (Final Draft)

Mr. Nelson Zulu, Station Manager, QTV,

Mr. Munema Munakaila, Production Supervisor, QTV,

Representatives from the Media,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to hand over a Japanese TV program to QTV today.

For the purpose of introducing the Japanese culture and values to the people overseas through TV programs, the Japan Foundation has a scheme to bear the costs of the broadcasting rights fees and of the production of the audio-visual materials.

Since 2008, Japan has continuously provided to major TV stations in Zambia a total of 17 TV programs until last year.

QTV will be receiving one today for the first time.

Congratulations!

The TV Program to be provided this time is an anime of “Black Jack”, a medical drama of an unlicensed but gifted surgeon Black Jack.

Black Jack always saves any seriously ill patient on the verge of death, but claims an outrageous price for his surgery.

With the interesting complication of each episode, its viewers cannot wait to watch its development.

I enjoyed reading comics of Black Jack when I was young many decades ago.

As Black Jack has been enjoyed by millions of Japanese people, I hope that this program will also be viewed and enjoyed by as many Zambians as possible, to deepen understanding of the backgrounds of the Japanese society by Zambians and help broaden the exchanges between Zambia and Japan, and thus to contribute to further strengthening the friendship between Zambia and Japan.

Thank you.