

# Japanese firm to create 3, 000 jobs

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A JAPANESE firm has expressed interest in investing in the Zambian textile industry and provide 3,000 direct jobs, Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Heinobu Sobashima has announced.

Mr Sobashima said Mulberry Group of Companies had expressed interest to expand its investment to Zambia.

The ambassador was speaking in Kabwe during a tour of the Japanese investment project.

He said the company had targeted November 2019 to come and set up its base in the country.

Mr Sobashima said the company was just finishing up arranging finances and as soon as that was done it would be in the country.

He could not however reveal the initial capital injection.

Mr Sobashima said he would continue appealing to the Japanese businesses to consider Zambia and Central Province in particular for investment.

And Central Province Minister, Sydney Mushanga, said the coming of Mulberry Group of Companies was an indication of the strong cooperation between Zambia and Japan.

Mr Mushanga said once Mulberry Group of Companies established its base, it would assist in the creation of employment of the young people in the province.

"There are a lot of young people in the province with a lot of skills but the unemployment levels are caging them to explore their potential. However, with the coming of Mulberry Group of Companies this will help them get employment," he said.



Mr Sobashima

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