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Japanese textile firm coming

Mulberry Group of Companies to set hub in Kabwe, create jobs

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MULBERRY Group of Companies, a giant Japanese textile firm, will set up a hub in Kabwe and is projected to create 3,000 employment opportunities.

Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Hidenobu Sobashima said the company will engage local people during the construction phase, which is expected to start soon.

Mr Sobashima said the textile company will be manufacturing a wide range of fabrics such as uniforms for military personnel and schools.

The Japanese envoy was

speaking to journalists who accompanied him on a tour of various projects supported by Japan last Friday.

Mr Sobashima, however, could not state when the company will start operating in Zambia and the value of its investment.

He, however, said that Mulberry Group of Companies has already conducted feasibility studies on the project.

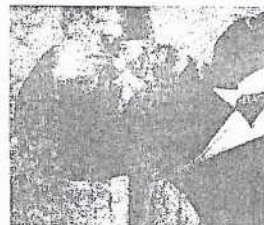
"These are the fruits of the good bilateral relations between Zambia and Japan. My job is to further strengthen ties between the two countries."

"We want to help Zambia achieve its dream of becoming a middle-income country through the Vision 2030," he said.

And Central Province Minister Sydney Mushanga said the Japanese firm was already allocated a piece of land in the Kabwe Multi-Facility Economic Zone.

Mr Mushanga is optimistic that the new textile industry will boost the economic prospects of Kabwe and other surrounding areas.

"The Kabwe Multi-Facility Economic Zone is open for investment. Both local and foreign investors are welcome to establish different business ventures," he said when Mr Sobashima paid a courtesy call on him.



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