

Statement of Mr. Toshio Sugiura, Chargé d’Affaires ad Interim of Japan to  
the Republic of Zambia at the United Nations Trust Fund for Human  
Security Programme Launching Event  
Promoting Human Security Through Sustainable Resettlement in Zambia  
on Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Mr. Stephen Mwansa, Permanent Secretary, Office of the Vice President,  
Ms Coumba Mar Gadio, UN Resident Coordinator,  
Ms. Pierrine Aylara, UNHCR Representative,  
Mr. Lionel Laurens, UNDP Country Representative,  
Senior Government Officials,  
Representatives from the Media,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to say a few words on the Launching Event of  
“Promoting Human Security Through Sustainable Resettlement in Zambia”  
funded by United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security with the grant  
assistance from the Government of Japan.

We highly appreciate the efforts of the Government of the Republic of  
Zambia in accepting refugees and former refugees, not only from the  
neighboring DR Congo and Angola, but also from Rwanda, Burundi and  
Somalia, totaling almost 83,000 people.

What is very unique here is that Zambia recognizes many long-term refugee  
immigrants from Angola and Rwanda totaling about 23,000 people as  
“Former Refugees”, and is implementing “the Sustainable Resettlement  
Programme” for them.

For all issues of refugees and former refugees, UNHCR, UNDP, and other  
UN Agencies are seriously helping and working.

Thus I would like to express my sincere appreciation also to the UN  
Agencies.

Japan attaches importance to “Human Security”.

Thus, in various parts of the world, we have been extending emergency

assistance of humanitarian nature, on the one hand, and development assistance for the refugees to become self-reliant as well as for the recipient countries to achieve economic development, on the other, in parallel, and we call this approach “the humanitarian and development nexus”.

The Global Compact for Refugees (GCR) including CRRF, adopted in 2018, has also given importance to Humanitarian and development nexus. This international commitment is consistent with approach by Japan.

Here in Zambia, as an implementation of Humanitarian and Development nexus, Japan has been proactively contributing to support refugees’ self-reliance and economic development of Zambia.

Since 2012, Japan extended a total of 16.4 million US Dollars to UN Agencies in the area of assistance to refugees in Zambia.

This year the Government of Japan decided to provide 500 thousand US Dollars to UNHCR for its Project of “Protection and Assistance to Refugees and Other Persons of Concern in Zambia”, 500 thousand US Dollars to UNDP for its Project of “Promoting Human Security Through Early Recovery Interventions for the Refugee Population in Zambia”, and 800 thousand US Dollars to United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security for its Project of “Promoting Human Security Through Sustainable Resettlement in Zambia” which will be implemented by UNDP and UNHCR for the first year of the project.

In order to further contribute to “the Sustainable Resettlement Programme”, in addition to the contributions to the UN Agencies which I have mentioned, Japan has, through JICA, assigned a local integration advisor to the Office of Vice President, dispatched a JOCV to Primary and Secondary School in Meheba.

Furthermore, JICA is now preparing for commencing a technical cooperation project for promoting local integration of former refugees in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba.

AAR will also start the project Livelihood Support Project in Mehaba Local Integration Area with the Grant Assistance from the Government of Japan.

TICAD7, Tokyo International Conference on African Development, was concluded with great success in August this year. As a high level side event, UNHCR, JICA, AU, UNOSSA hosted the meeting whose theme is “Toward enhanced partnership and solidarity to support forcefully displaced persons in Africa”.

In the end of this year, Global Refugee Forum will be held as the first follow-up meeting of Global Compact for Refugees. Japan would like to contribute to relevant international fora by utilizing our experience and knowledge.

In conclusion, Japan, having been cooperating to the Government of the Republic of Zambia, the UN Agencies and other donors, to address the issues of refugees and former refugees, hopes that Zambia’s success in this field will be consolidated and the whole world will learn from, and take advantage of, this success story.

Thank you.