

Remarks by H.E. Mr. TAKEUCHI Kazuyuki, Ambassador of
Japan to the Republic of Zambia, at the Ceremony of
Exchange of Notes on Japan's Grant Aid for "The Project for
the Improvement of Exhibition Equipment at the
Livingstone Museum"

25th April 2023

Hon. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance and
National Planning,
Permanent Secretaries and Senior Government Officials Present,
Representatives from Media Houses,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to sign the exchange of notes with Finance
Minister, Hon. Dr. Musokotwane, for the Grant Contract of a project
within the framework of "General cultural grant aid (equipment
project)" by the Government of Japan. The project being sealed today
is titled "**The Project for the Improvement of Exhibition Equipment
at the Livingstone Museum**" with a total budget amounting to 89
million Yen, equivalent to approximately 684,000 United States
dollars.

With this Project, we will provide the Livingstone Museum with
the necessary equipment for holding exhibitions, seminars or
conferences. They will thus help the Museum to facilitate
understanding of Zambian culture and to enhance the ability of
the Museum to preserve its collection. I also believe that this
project will enhance research activities and improve the storage
and preservation methods of its collections.

Honourable Minister, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I believe that peaceful development and growth of the country of
Zambia we have witnessed lies in her excellent ethnic harmony

symbolized by a slogan “One Zambia, One Nation”.

Under this slogan, Zambia’s New Dawn government has formulated the 8th National Development Plan and the tourism plan, setting one of its key aim as promoting cultural tourism and improving the quality of museums.

Supporting enhancing ethnic harmony is one of the fundamental pillar of Japan’s cooperation policy in Zambia. It is therefore our honour to note that improving the quality of programmes provided by the country’s largest and oldest national museum and promoting the preservation of Zambia’s heritage will contribute to enrich the beauty of ethnic harmony in Zambia, through rediscovery and re-affirmation of the country's culture.

The "Country Development Cooperation Policy" also prioritizes industrial revitalization from the perspective of industrial diversification in achieving private sector development. Tourism is positioned as one of the key industries in the perspective of medium to long term, and further utilization of the cultural heritage as a tourism resource is expected to lead the development and growth of the private sector.

“ The Project for the Improvement of Exhibition Equipment at the Livingstone Museum” which is sealed by signature of the Honourable Minister and I will surely provide significant support to the New Dawn Government in chasing economic growth and development.

Honourable Minister, Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Japanese Government commits itself to continuous support to this great country of Zambia. We believe that this assistance from Japan is fully welcomed by the Government of Zambia, and are convinced that this project is successfully implemented. We are sure that the completion of the project meaningfully contributes to the economic and social development of the people of Zambia.

May I take this opportunity, as I conclude my remarks, to wish the project every success, and express my sincere hope that the Project will enhance further the cordial relations existing between the people of Japan and the people of Zambia, and that the cooperation will continue to flourish in the decades to come.

Thank you.