

## Diamond Jubilee of Our Friendship



Zambia and Japan forged diplomatic ties soon after the then Northern Rhodesia gained its independence from the U.K. in 1964.

24 October 1964, Zambia's Independence Day, coincided with the closing day of the Tokyo Olympics. The Zambian team, which participated in the opening ceremony as Northern Rhodesia, proudly raised the brand-new Zambian national flag in the closing ceremony. Japan witnessed this historic moment as the Olympic host country.

In 2024 the two countries commemorate 60 years of bilateral cooperation with various commemorative events to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

## Commemorative Events in the Works



Japan Day



Japan Film Festival



Press tours in Japan and Zambia



Exhibition on NINGYŌ (Japanese dolls)

More events to come. Fore more info... ➡

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Zambia is one of the most important countries in the African continent in various aspects. The “New Dawn” Government, which was brought to power democratically through the general elections held in August 2021, is pushing ahead with various policies, backed by public support, to make Zambia the real “beacon of hope in Africa” as it is called. The year 2024, which marks 60 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Zambia, also marks the 60th anniversary of Zambia's independence. Our relationship, which began during the Summer Olympics in Tokyo in 1964, has steadily developed since then, and we are now partners that work together for shared universal values.

I am quite eager to cast everything I have with me to take these bilateral relations to a new and higher stage in various aspects, including by fostering our longstanding cooperation in infrastructure, health, agriculture, education and human resource development. We would further consolidate the mutual trust between Japan and Zambia.

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# The 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Zambia



The logo is based on the colours of the flags of both countries and features Zambia's national bird, the African fish eagle, and Japan's national flower, the cherry blossom. It beautifully weaves together symbols of the nature, strength and culture of both countries.



## 60 Years of Bilateral Relations

- 24 Oct 1964 Japan recognised Zambia upon independence.
- Jan 1970 Embassy of Japan in Zambia opened.  
JOCV representative office established.
- Aug 1975 Embassy of Zambia in Japan opened.
- Sep 1980 President Kaunda and his wife visit Japan.
- Mar 1983 Crown Prince and Princess visit Zambia.
- Nov 1984 Foreign Minister Abe visits Zambia.
- Mar 1987 JICA Zambia office established.
- Dec 1999 Prince and Princess Takamado visit Zambia.
- Jan 2005 President Mwanawasa and his wife visit Japan.
- Oct 2012 President Sata visits Japan.
- Jun 2014 Prince and Princess Akishino visit Zambia.
- Dec 2018 President Lungu visits Japan.
- Aug 2023 Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Nishimura visits Zambia.

## Activities of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)



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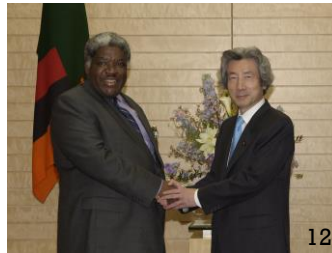
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## From Zambia to Japan From Japan to Zambia



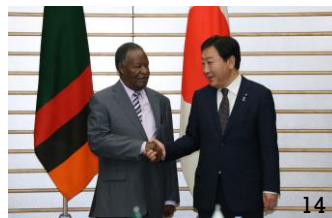
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Emperor Hirohito and President Kaunda, 1980



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Prime Minister Koizumi and President Mwanawasa, 2005



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Prime Minister Noda and President Sata, 2012



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Emperor Akihito and President Lungu, 2018



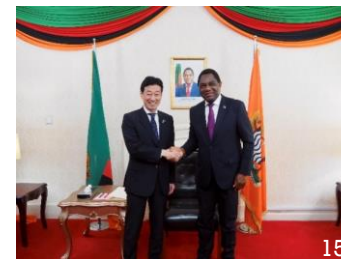
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Prince and Princess Takamado and President Chiluba, 1999



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Prince and Princess Akishino, 2014



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President Hichilema and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Nishimura, 2023

## Development Assistance



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The UNZA School of Veterinary Medicine was established in 1983



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Market Oriented Rice Development Project, 2019-2026



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Improving the quality of education 2005-2024



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Project for Upgrading Lusaka Health Centres to District Hospitals (Phase 1 & 2), 2013-2024



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The Chirundu Bridge was built in 2002.



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Groundwater development 1985-2016



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Quality and Productivity Improvement (Kaizen) Project, 2014-2022



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Project for Promoting Local Integration of Former Refugees, 2020-2024