

**Remarks by Mr. Hideki Yamaji**  
**Chargé d'Affaires ad intérim of Japan to the Republic of Zambia**  
**At the Premiere Evening of Japan Film Festival**  
**STER-KINEKOR ARCADES, LUSAKA, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

Hon. Lawrence Evans, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Arts,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to welcome you all and thank you most sincerely for attending the 8<sup>th</sup> Japan Film Festival. The Embassy of Japan started this Film Festival in 2005. Since then, a total of 20 Japanese films have been put on the screen and been enjoyed by thousands of people.

This year marks Zambia's Golden Jubilee year of independence as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between Zambia and Japan. We combined the Japan Film Festival with the Japanese Culture Experience Event, under the name of "JAPAN WEEK", in order to celebrate this jubilee. The Culture Experience Event is taking place just outside this building before the Film Festival. Please visit the exhibits for your experience.

Tonight, we present to you "FLY! DAKOTA! FLY!" produced in Japan last year. In August 1945, Japan lost at the Second World War. Five months later, the British air force plane "DAKOTA", carrying British Consulate General and his aides, on its way to Tokyo, made an emergency landing on an island due to bad weather. The island is located in the Sea of Japan, some 300km north of Tokyo. Local residents harbored mixed feeling towards the allied soldiers. This film, based on a real story, starts from this situation. Please enjoy the premiere night.