

**REMARKS BY MR. HIDEAKI MACHIDA,
FIRST SECRETARY,
EMBASSY OF JAPAN
ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING
THE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTER
(TISC)
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY, 2014**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased that this Meeting is being held as part of the Japan Funds-in-Trust project.

I very much appreciate that the Meeting is being organized today thanks to the hard work and efforts by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 2008, the Japanese government established a new Funds-in-Trust in order to support capacity building in the field of IPRs in Africa and least developed countries by increasing the existing amount of contribution of Funds-in-Trust of Japan.

The three main objectives of the Funds-in-Trust are:

- (i) To promote the awareness of the importance of industrial property system for economic and technological development and of the benefits to be derived from the effective use of the system;
- (ii) To assist the developing countries in establishing or strengthening their industrial property laws and institutions; and
- (iii) To facilitate the development of human resources in the sectors concerned with the administration and utilization

of the industrial property system in close cooperation with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

The activities under this Funds-in-Trust are conducted by cooperation between WIPO and Japan Patent Office (JPO).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Meeting is being held as part of the WIPO Japan Funds-in-Trust Program for Africa with the following purposes:

- (i) To build capacity through the development of national networks of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) capable of assisting local users in Zambia to effectively use and exploit technology in patent and in science & technology journal databases; and
- (ii) To facilitate more effective development of the TISC network through practical sessions on raising awareness and training of trainers

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In closing, it is my sincere wish that this Meeting would provide an opportunity for promoting utilization of technology databases, etc., in Zambia, and that it would eventually contribute to the protection and utilization of intellectual property in Zambia.