

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. KIYOSHI KOINUMA,  
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA,  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE GRANT CONTRACT  
WITH MONZE MISSION HOSPITAL, 4 NOVEMBER, 2015.**

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to be here today at this signing ceremony for the Grant Contract between the Embassy of Japan and Monze Mission Hospital. Today, the Government of Japan is pleased to provide a Grant amounting to 118,661 United States Dollars, or approximately 1.4 million Zambian Kwacha to facilitate the implementation of **The Project for Improvement of X-Ray Equipment of Monze Mission Hospital.**

This Grant has been provided under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects Programme of the Government of Japan. The programme was introduced in Zambia in 1990 and its primary objective is to support various development and human security projects at the grassroots level. More than 160 projects have been funded and implemented around Zambia since its inception.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The recipient organization, Monze Mission Hospital was founded in 1964, and it had its 50th anniversary last year. Currently it provides medical service as a first

and second level hospital. It is said that the hospital's quality of service and good reputation bring more patients from different parts of the country.

The X-ray department which plays a key role in diagnosis in this hospital provides examinations by X-ray machines, and the number of X-ray cases has increased with the increasing number of the patients. However, it is difficult to manage data with the old analog equipment. In addition, because of the breakdown of the processing machine, the processing of films is done manually, which results in degradation of accuracy in diagnosis and prolonged waiting time for patients, which hinders the timely treatment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the hope to improve accuracy of diagnosis and treatment by adding quality to examination equipment, and thus to provide opportunity for better medical service for more people, the Government of Japan is pleased to support the implementation of The Project for Improvement of X-Ray Equipment of Monze Mission Hospital. The fund will be used specifically for procurement of new digital X-ray machines and alteration of the X-ray room.

What is notable about this project is that, it is a public-private collaboration project with a Japanese private company. The X-ray equipment that the recipient will purchase are products of Japanese company, FUJI FILM, and FUJI FILM SOUTH AFRICA Ltd., the distributor of its mother company's products, will give additional contributions, such as the installation of equipment by sending their own technicians and the provision of application training for the staff at the

hospital. FUJI FILM is one of the representative companies in Japan with a focus on the production of films and digital cameras, and now it also offers quality medical equipment all over the world. It is a great pleasure that Japanese companies with high technological skills like FUJI FILM are improving the welfare of the people around the world. Also, it is hoped that by taking advantage of this project, the technological capability of Japanese medical equipment industry would be used as one of the tools to support people in Zambia, and that more of Japanese companies would contribute to the development of Zambia.

Finally, allow me to emphasise that the funds that were used for this Project came from Japanese taxpayers. It is thus my sincere hope that this project will benefit the people of Zambia and the bilateral relationship between Zambia and Japan will be accentuated through both aid and business.

Thank you for your attention.

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