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# Specialist testifies in ATM theft case



**TRADITIONAL leaders from Southern Province follow proceedings during the launch of the HeForShe campaign in Choma at the weekend. Picture by CHILA NAMAIAKO**

## uth chiefs reaffirm gender equality crusade

**CHILA NAMAIAKO**  
Southern Province has been hit hard for total exclusion of women from the traditional leadership structure. Chiefs have also urged women to embrace the initiative to press for gender equality, he said.

Chief Mwenda of Chikankanda said by embracing gender equality, the campaign would help eliminate GBV cases.

She called for support among Zambians in the crusade to end gender violence.

UN country director Martin Morze, who called for the

the weekend, Chief Macha said many women had suffered at the hands of cruel men.

"Let's unite and protect women from abuse. I commend UN Women for the HeForShe campaign which is a good initiative to press for gender equality," he said.

Chief Mwenda said traditional leaders had

areas through which to fight gender inequality and GBV issues.

Provincial Minister Nathaniel Mubukwana said the HeForShe campaign was significant in stimulating the unifying motto of "One Zambia One Nation".

"All men in Government, the Church, civil society, media

Permanent Secretary Sibanze Simuchoba, said the campaign would enhance the effective implementation of various Government programmes.

## Envoy sees brighter Zambian economy

**By MELBOURNE MUSHITU**  
JAPANESE Ambassador to Zambia Kiyoshi has said Zambia has huge potential to overcome the current economic challenges.

Mr Kiyoshi has also called for the prioritising of education as a vital component in speeding up the development process.

"Education is key in fostering national development. Without it, a country has no direction. This means we should make education a priority in order to develop," Mr Kiyoshi said.

He said Japan had allocated US\$2 million to boost the education sector in Zambia.

Mr Kiyoshi said one of Japan's policies for Zambia was to promote the business sector by inviting and encouraging Japanese companies to invest in the country.

He said Japanese firms would help promote Zambian companies by providing capital and sharing ideas.

The Japanese-Zambian trade cooperation, he noted, would create jobs for youths in the country.

He urged Zambian companies to partner with foreign ones to ramp up performance of the business sector.

Meanwhile, Japan International Cooperation Agency representative Kazuki Kaiya has said the organisation has started upgrading five clinics to hospital level to help improve healthcare services in Zambia.

Mr Kaiya said Zambia was facing challenges in the provision of quality health services due to limited hospitals.

"The demand for health services is high and upgrading clinics is a priority to us as an organisation, as this will contribute to Zambia's development," Mr Kaiya said.

JICA is currently upgrading Chilenge and Matero clinics in Lusaka.

Mr Kaiya said the organisation would soon start upgrading three other clinics, namely, Chipata, Chawama and Kanyama in Lusaka.

here is need for all of us to guard our treasured peace, and stability, particularly as country prepares for tripartite elections next year. We should be for transparent, free and fair elections."

"I want to sound a warning to political parties to desist from acts of violence and instead adhere to principles and practices of non-violence. Politics is about service to the people. It's about human rights," President Lungu said.

President Lungu says Zambia is weaker in respecting the free will of the people to choose their own government through democratically elected elections at a time when many governments considered political

President Lungu said Zambia has largely lived to the values and aspirations of the United Nations since becoming its member in December 1964.

"You will agree with me that freedoms of speech and worship are highly treasured and revered in Zambia," President Lungu said.

The President also said despite the current economic challenges the nation is going through, his government remains steadfast to improve the standards of living of the citizens.

And President Lungu was the man of the moment when the audience stood up clapping and cheering after he defended human rights.

The audience included Law

Association of Zambia president George Chisanga, NGOCC executive director Engwase Mwale, Human Rights Commission (HRC) director Florence Chibesha and United Nations Development Programme governance advisor Michael Soko and several civil servants and students.

And Ms Chibwasha said the HRC will dedicate its efforts in the coming year advocating the criminalisation of torture.

She said there is need to double efforts in protecting human rights by calling for a law to criminalise torture.

Ms Chibwasha also expressed concern that the manner in which the POA is applied is a source of conflict.

## 'practice' probe starts

ings will be discussed with the payer," the statement reads in

the ZRA further states that its current investigation of the Post Office is a normal process that undertakes on all taxpayers that

are alleged to be involved in tax malpractices.

"These investigations are conducted in accordance with ZRA core values which include professionalism, integrity, fairness and equity among others," the statement further reads.

## Japan pledges \$2.5m for education

**KELVIN CHONGO**  
Lusaka

JAPANESE ambassador to Zambia Kiyoshi Koinuma says his country will by the end of the year sign a grant aid of US\$2.5 million to support education in Zambia.

Mr Koinuma said the funds will be utilised for scaling up of the numbers of school teachers in Zambia.

He said education is important sector for the future of Zambia and its people.

The ambassador was briefing journalists at the Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA) media breakfast in Lusaka yesterday.

Mr Koinuma also said Japan is ready to help Zambia overcome the current energy deficit by investing in research to come up with the best sources of energy.

He also said Zambia needs to have energy security because it is essential for industrial development.

"Energy is one of the priority economic sectors that Japan wants to support because Zambia is facing challenges in the sector," he said.

The ambassador said four other sectors Japan has prioritised in Zambia are agriculture, education, manufacturing, and health-care.

"We are promoting irrigation in Zambia for the country to get the most out of agriculture," he said.

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# Japanese ambassador says lack of finances affects local manufactures

**By Fredrick Mischebezi**  
JAPANESE Ambassador to Zambia Kiyoshi Koizumi says lack of financing is severely affecting Zambian manufacturing companies from operating competitively.

And Ambassador Koizumi says the current energy challenge the country is facing must be sorted out if the country is to achieve optimal development.

Speaking during a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) breakfast meeting in Lusaka yesterday, Ambassador Koizumi said there was need for Zambian companies to partner with Japanese businesses if they are to thrive in the private sector because they lacked strong financial muscle.

"Japan as a partner to Zambia is trying by all means to offer assistance to the Zambian government as a way of promoting sustainable growth of a diversified economy freed from over-dependence on mining. We are very much interested in helping Zambia improve in the energy sector, agriculture, health, education and manufacturing," Ambassador Koizumi said.

"However, Zambia has a challenge in the energy sector and this has to be sorted out if the nation is to achieve optimal development."

He also stressed that lack of



Ambassador Koizumi

representative Hisanao Noda said his cooperation had continued to help Zambia in the areas of financial and technical support.

"As JICA, we are on top of things in ensuring that we help Zambia in any way possible in the area of financial support and technical assistance," Noda said.

"We are doing everything to help Zambia in the transport sector, energy, education and water and sanitation. We anticipate the completion of two health centres being upgraded from clinic status to district hospitals or first level hospitals; these are Chilenge

and Matero health centres."

He further said other initiatives include capacity building in bridge maintenance and the on-going National Kaizen Project in the country.

"JICA has also recorded the successful completion of rehabilitation works for Chirundu Bridge, which is a very important bridge in the light of its facilitation of passage of both people and commercial goods and equipment between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Chirundu One Stop Border Post is one of the major contributors to Zambia's tax revenue," said Noda.



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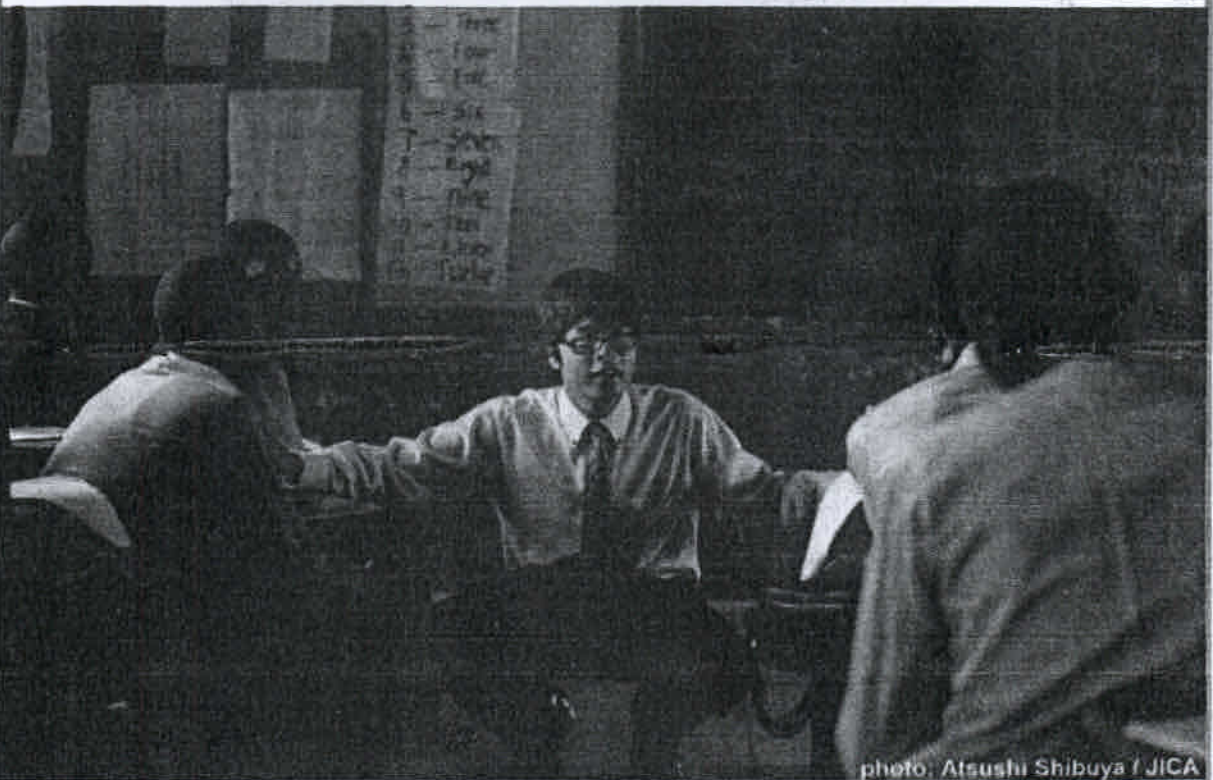


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Mr. Sho Yamaguchi in this photo is a Japanese volunteer teaching Science at Mkushi Secondary school. This picture is showing the teacher is at the same level of eyesight with pupils.

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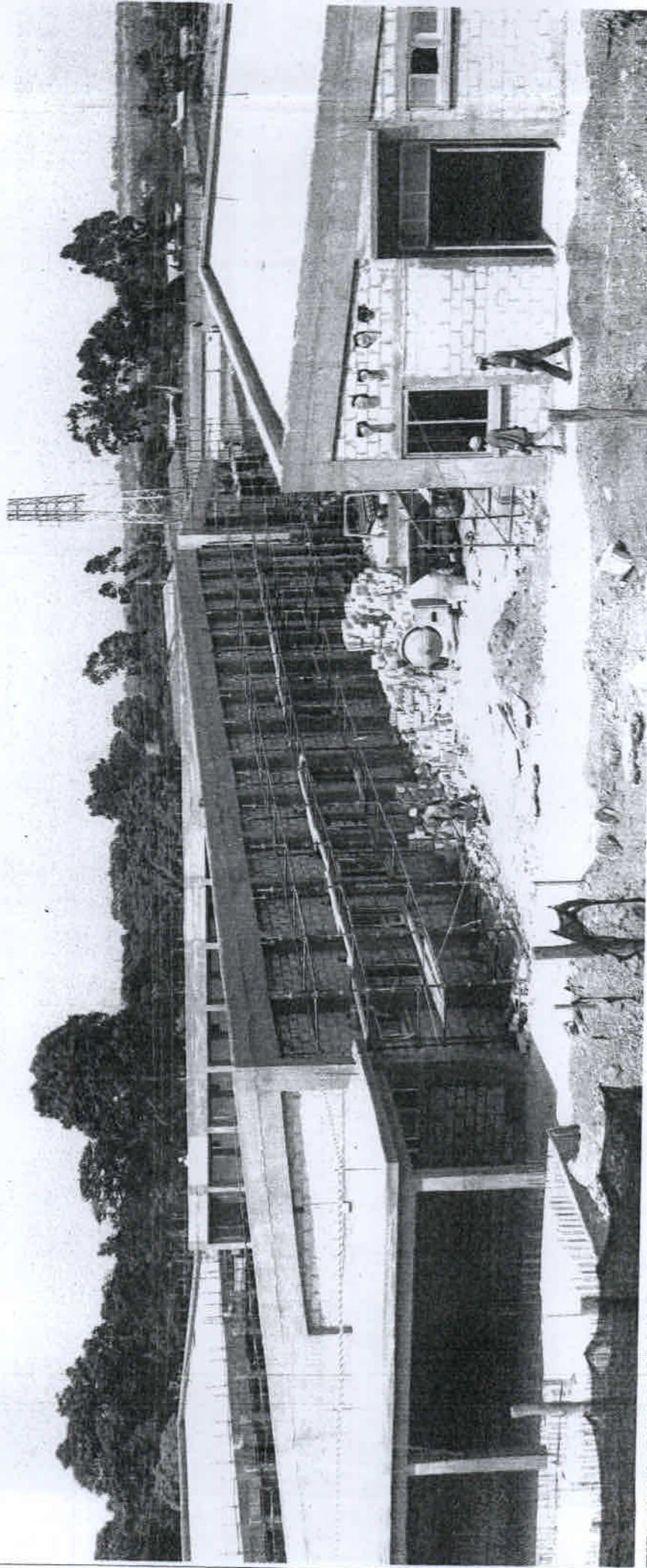
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THE upgrade of Matero Clinic into a district hospital is almost complete. In 2013, Zambia and Japan signed a K104 million grant to turn Matero and Chilenge clinics into district hospitals.  
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