

**REMARKS BY H.E. MR. KIYOSHI KOINUMA,  
AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE  
EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR GRANT AID FOR POVERTY REDUCTION  
STRATEGY FOR EDUCATION SECTOR POOL FUND**

**LUSAKA, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.**

Mrs. Pamela C. Kabamba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance;

Mr. Hisanao Noda, Resident Representative, JICA Zambia Office;

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to be here today on behalf of the Government of Japan at this signing ceremony for the Exchange of Notes for the Grant Aid for Education Fund.

The Government of Japan has contributed to education fund about 4 million US Dollars in 2012 and about 3 million US Dollars in 2013. The purpose of these supports is to improve the quality of Science and Mathematics Education in Zambia. This time also, the Government of Japan is providing about 3 million US Dollars for Education Fund for the same purpose.

So far through the support for Education Fund by the Government of Japan, the first experiments at science classes were realized at the schools where mobile science laboratories were introduced. Also, the number of the schools which operate “Lesson Study” had increased from 304 in 2011 to 2,113 in 2013. The

contribution this time will be appropriated for the construction of a training centre at National Science Centre and the creation of text books and instruction books to enhance calculation skills. Especially, the training centre at National Science Centre will be a first training facility for teachers in Zambia and it will also be able to accept those from neighbouring countries who may wish to enrol for the training. Furthermore, I hope that the training centre will be of assistance not only to Zambia but all of Southern Africa in order to improve ability of Science and Mathematics.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that this contribution is funded by Japanese taxpayers. I am optimistic that the quality of Science and Mathematics Education will hereafter be improved and those children who receive the quality education will be taking an active role in the development of Zambia.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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