

## JAPAN HANDS OVER A REHABILITATION CENTRE AT ST. PATRICK'S MISSION HOSPITAL IN HWANGE



The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yoshi Tendai Hiraishi on 5<sup>th</sup> May officially handed over a Rehabilitation Centre at St. Patrick's Mission Hospital in Hwange. This Centre was constructed through "The project for the Construction of the Rehabilitation Centre in Hwange" with the fund of a Japanese grant of ninety thousand, seven hundred and ninety-three dollars (USD 90,793), which was inaugurated at a signing ceremony in November 2013. The Centre is now fully operational with equipment procured by the Japanese grant as well.

Although there has been an increasing demand for physiotherapy for those who need recovery from physical injuries caused mainly by coal mining activities in Hwange and neighboring areas, many of those people had failed to access quality medical service due to the lack of an appropriate rehabilitation facility at the hospital which has been a referral centre for clinics for the whole district. Therefore, the new facility will greatly improve service of physiotherapy in Hwange District as a whole and enhance standard of living of local communities.

Speaking at the occasion, H.E. Mr Hiraishi emphasised the importance of the hospital's own efforts for the maintenance of the wing and expressed his hope that the Centre would be fully utilized and greatly contribute to the improvement of livelihoods of beneficiaries.