

## Emergency Assistance to the Republic of Zimbabwe in Response to the Hailstorm Disaster



The Government of Japan provided emergency relief goods consisting of tents and blankets worth 12 million yen (approximately USD 120,000) to the Republic of Zimbabwe, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). In response to a request following the hailstorm which occurred from the 1<sup>st</sup> week to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April, the goods were distributed with the co-operation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Zimbabwe office and the Department of Civil Protection in the Ministry of Local Government, Urban and Rural Development. The hailstorm was severe causing serious damage to the people's livelihoods, including destruction of their property and other belongings.

The handover ceremony was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2013. In the picture above, the Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, His Excellency Mr. Yonezo FUKUDA (right) shakes hands with Minister of Local Government, Urban and Rural Development, Honourable Ignatius CHOMBO.