

JAPAN'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD AND CYCLONE DAMAGE IN ZIMBABWE

The Government of Japan provided emergency relief goods, namely 500 tents, 40 plastic sheets, 40 water purifiers and 800 portable jerry cans. This is in response to the damage caused by the recent floods and cyclone and in light of the friendly relations between the people of Japan and Zimbabwe.

On 20 March 2017, soon after the aforementioned emergency relief goods arrived in Harare, H.E. Yoshi Hiraishi, Ambassador of Japan, handed them over to the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe. At the handover ceremony, held at the Harare International Airport, Ambassador Hiraishi stated in his speech that this assistance is a token of the Japanese people's sympathy towards the difficulties experienced by those affected by natural disasters. He said, "Having faced such disasters themselves, including the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, they fully understand the challenges of the Zimbabwean people affected by the severe natural disaster at this time". Hon. Mr. Kasukuwere, Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, also mentioned in his speech that the Zimbabwean people could learn a lot from Japan about the way people recover from natural disasters. Others including Hon. Mr. Chingosho, Deputy Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, the head of JICA Zimbabwe, Mr. Yoshiara, and the UN stakeholders took part in the ceremony.

It is our hope that this humanitarian emergency disaster relief will reach to those affected by the flood disaster as soon as possible, and will make a difference to the lives of the flood victims as they strive to rebuild their lives.



The relief goods and the national flags of the two countries.



The relief goods arrived in Harare



Ambassador Yoshi Tendai HIRAISHI giving his speech.



Minister Kasukuwere giving his speech.



From left, Mr. Parajuli, the head of UNDP in Zimbabwe, Dr. Ayoya, the head of UNICEF in Zimbabwe, Hon. Minister Kasukuwere, Ambassador Hiraishi, Hon. Deputy Minister Chingosho, and the head of JICA in Zimbabwe, Mr. Yoshiara.