

## **Handover ceremony of Japanese-Funded project “The Project for Improvement of the Educational Environment at Govera Primary School in Goromonzi District”**

On 12th July 2017, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of Japan to Zimbabwe, Mr Dabide Tsunakake officially handed over four new classroom blocks and related facilities to Govera Primary School in Goromonzi District. The Government of Japan provided funding amounting to 83,125 USD for this project in March this year. It was implemented in a very timely and thorough manner by a local NGO, Nhaka Foundation.

Previously, they had their classes in dilapidated and unsafe classrooms, sometimes exposed to harsh weather conditions, and, due to a lack of chairs and desks, many had to write on the floor or on their laps. The four new classroom blocks and related facilities brought suitable and safe environment for the children.

At the handover ceremony, more than 500 students, parents and officials attended including the representatives from the Ministry of Education, traditional leaders, and the local Member of Parliament. The whole school joined in to express their gratitude for the new classroom blocks, with many children performing dances, reciting poems, or making speeches.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Dabide Tsunakake, commended Nhaka Foundation for completing the project in such a timely and thorough manner. He also congratulated the children and teachers on their new classrooms and furniture. He expressed his wish that they would look after them well, so that they would serve their purpose for many years to come.

We look forward to future leaders of Zimbabwe emerging from Govera Primary School in Goromonzi District!



Before the Implementation of the Project①



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Funded furniture



Dance performance by the students



Students and parents gathered at the ceremony



Speech by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Japan, Mr.Dabide Tsunakake



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