

SPEECH PRESENTED BY H. E. MR YONEZO FUKUDA, AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO ZIMBABWE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF GRANT CONTRACTS FOR “THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE AT SEKE 11 PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHITUNGWIZA”

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SALUTATIONS,

Today, the Embassy is extending a grant of nearly \$69 thousand for “The Project for the Improvement of Water Sanitation and Hygiene at Seke 11 Primary School”. It is our pleasure to contribute to your efforts at a time when Chitungwiza as a whole is experiencing severe water shortages.

Zimbabwe has continued to make steady progress towards recovery and development. However, humanitarian challenges remain including drought-induced food insecurity and isolated outbreaks of typhoid and other water borne diseases predominantly in urban areas, largely due to the lack of proper facilities and maintenance systems.

In Chitungwiza, in particular, the Japanese Government has been striving to improve the WASH situation. Our sister organisation, JICA, recently drew up Master Plan for the complete upgrading and rehabilitation of the sewage system as well as the management of solid waste to cover future decades. We hope that such measures will help the Zimbabwean Government to further work on WASH issues.

Today, we are pleased to start this new relationship with Seke 11 Primary School, and we hope that our contribution will go a long way towards improving the learning environment.

**THANK YOU.
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