

SPEECH PRESENTED BY H. E. MR YOSHI HIRAISHI, AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO ZIMBABWE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF GRANT CONTRACTS FOR “THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SANITATION AND HYGIENE AT NYANHEWE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KARIBA DISTRICT”

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It is my great pleasure to officiate at this very happy occasion to sign the grant contracts today, whereby we agree that the Embassy of Japan shall extend to Nyanhewe Primary School a grant of nearly \$48,000 for a project to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions at the school.

Current ablution facilities at the school are inadequate due to increased demand and deterioration. The school is currently providing toilet facilities for twice the number of pupils it was designed for. There is therefore a real danger of an outbreak of communicable water-borne diseases. Under this project, existing toilets are to be rehabilitated and two additional blocks are to be constructed. We trust that these will be properly maintained in future.

We place great emphasis on the provision of assistance to basic human needs and this project is a case in point. Safe hygiene and sanitation practices are essential for the improvement of standards of living. It is our sincere wish that the grant will go a long way to improve the learning environment at the school for both pupils and teachers.

We wish you every success for the smooth implementation of the project and look forward to visiting Kariba once it is completed.

TATENDA. MAKOROKOTO.