

## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **JAPANESE AMBASSADOR COMMISSIONS CLASSROOM BLOCK TO KING GEORGE VI CENTRE**

The Government of Japan has today handed over a classroom block with 5 classrooms for deaf students, learning desks and chairs for students, desks for teachers and a toilet block with 8 toilets which are designed for physically disabled students. The total investment of this projects is USD123,450.00.

The Japanese Ambassador to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda and Ms Inez Hussey, Director of King George VI Center formalised the handover facilitated through the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. Mrs Elizabeth Tsvangirai was the Guest of Honour having been present at the signing ceremony in October, 2012.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ambassador Fukuda said that there are many children who wish to be enrolled in this school, but due to the limited capacity of the facilities, the school cannot accept all of them. Moreover, last July 12 deaf students were on the waiting list and the number has increased since then. The Japanese Embassy saw it fit to assist considering that this project is not only going to increase the intake but also improve the learning environment for deaf as well as physically challenged students.

He encouraged parents to take part in the education of their children, working closely with educators in molding future leaders to become better citizens demanded by modern society.