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JAPAN SUPPORTS SPORTS FACILITIES AT SEKE TEACHER'S COLLEGE, CHITUNGWIZA

Today, the Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe through its Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects made available US\$6 800.00 to Seke Teacher's College for the construction of sports facilities.

The Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda and the Principal of Seke Teacher's College Mr Ephraim Newton Mutubuki formalised the signing ceremony.

The Japanese assistance will fund for the construction of two basketball and volleyball courts, two tennis and netball courts at the teacher's college. Early this month, the Embassy also donated funds for the construction of three all weather tennis courts, three spectator benches and provision of eighteen tennis wheelchairs to Danhiko Project. Danhiko and Seke Teacher's College amongst other learning institutions in this country enjoy the expertise of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers who teach in various capacities.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda said today's signing ceremony for the sport facilities will be a progressive initiative to ensure that talented young teachers are offered an opportunity to develop their talents and therefore excel in whatever sport activities they may want to teach after graduating from this college.

He added that sport can be a catalyst for economic development. Ambassador Fukuda stressed the importance of collectively identifying problem areas in schools that impact negatively on the development of sport, so as to place strategies to resuscitate sport in teacher training colleges. This means providing sports fields, training equipment and facilities and sport equipment.

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