

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HANDS OVER SIMUKAI REHABILITATION CENTRE



The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda, has today officially handed over a classroom block and other facilities at Simukai Rehabilitation Centre in Sakubva, Mutare, which was constructed by funding from the Embassy of Japan totaling USD 58,000 (fifty-eight thousand dollars).

The grant was used for the construction of a four classroom block, offices, dining room, storeroom, offices and ablution facilities. Simukai Rehabilitation Centre was established in 2001. This was in response to the growing number of street children, orphans and vulnerable children and other children living in difficult circumstances in Mutare City who were not receiving a formal education.

The Centre has been growing from strength to strength in recent years as the Centre has been offering its services to an increasing amount of such children and will now be in a position to cater to an even greater number of children with more courses. The centre has previously trained children in the fields of carpentry and joinery, horticulture and motor mechanics, many of whom have become responsible citizens.

H.E. Ambassador Fukuda expressed the hope that the Centre will now be able to offer additional programmes and commended the efforts of Simukai Protection Programme who run the facility, emphasising the need for youth empowerment.