

# JICA Buzz

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## JICA TO PARTNER WITH MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION



On February 3, 2022, JICA Chief Representative Mr. Kazuhiko Tokuhashi paid a courtesy call on Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation Permanent Secretary Eng. Joe Kalusa at his office. The purpose of the visit was to discuss future cooperation in the Improvement of Water Supply and Sanitation in Zambia as requested by the Permanent Secretary. In his remarks, Eng. Kalusa thanked JICA for being an all-weather partner in the water sector in Zambia, which has resulted in strengthened cooperation and friendship. The Permanent Secretary further requested for more cooperation in the water sector in future.

Japan's support in the water and sanitation sector in Zambia has been realized through JICA's assistance in this area, the recent one being a water and hygiene project dubbed "Community Empowerment Program for Infectious Disease Prevention Activity for Children in Vulnerable Areas in Lusaka".

*JICA's Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOREDeP) on a Mission to produce 30 Tons of good quality seed.*



*ZARI Officers checking on one of the Demo Rice Fields*



*JICA Chief Representative and JICA Project Formulation Advisor for Health accompanied by Japanese Ambassador to Zambia Pay a Courtesy call on Minister of Health, Hon. Silvia Masebo*



*JICA Chief Representative hands over a gift to Minister of Health*



## JICA ZAMBIA OFFICE DONATES 36 MOTOR CYCLES AND HELMETS TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



JICA Zambia office donated 36 motor cycles to the Ministry of Agriculture on 11 November, 2021 to support the Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOReDeP). Speaking during the handover ceremony in Lusaka, JICA Zambia Senior Representative, Mr. Motohiro Matsumura said the donation is meant to alleviate transportation challenges among extension officers in the implementation of MOReDeP. He said this donation shows that JICA is committed to supporting government in its crop diversification agenda.

## Bridge Inspection using Drones, the new Black



On 28 October 2021, JICA Zambia office participated in "on the job training and demonstration for special bridge inspection using drone". The demonstration was carried out at Chirundu Bridge. The purpose of bridge inspection using a drone is to obtain close up high resolution photos as well as take videos of defects and inaccessible attributes of special bridges. JICA Zambia Representative for Infrastructure, Mr. Kenta Mikami said that inspecting bridges using drone is a very good technological initiative that eliminates human error.



*JICA signs minutes of discussions with Ministry of Agriculture for commencement of the preparatory survey for the project to set up rice seed production and training facilities in Zambia.*



*Cornerstone of Hope received Sports items from the "Smile for All in the World" Team courtesy of JICA Volunteer Program*



## JICA Celebrates JOCV 50th Anniversary



JICA Zambia celebrated its 50th anniversary of its Volunteer program in Zambia on 24 November, 2021 at the Taj Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka. The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers program, popularly known as “JICA’s volunteer program” is one of Japanese Technical Cooperation schemes operated as part of its Official Development Assistance (ODA). The first group of Japanese volunteers was dispatched to Zambia in 1970.

## ZAJIFA Empowers Tiwine Cooperative



On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Members of Tiwine Community came out in numbers to learn how to process mangoes, groundnuts and cowpeas. These skills will go a long way in enhancing their lives. The seminar was facilitated by Ministry of Agriculture, District Agricultural Coordinating Office. Two Nutritionists, Mrs. Manda and Mrs. Kasuba who demonstrated various ways of processing mangoes, groundnuts and cowpeas. In addition, the community received a Groundnuts Shelling Machine and an Oil Extractor Machine. These items were donated by ZAJIFA in an effort to contribute to the sustainability of the food processing project which begun in 2016.



*Groundnuts processing at Tiwine Cooperative*



*Mango Jam processing at Tiwine Cooperative*

*Above is a shelling machine donated by JICA*