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Copperbelt Health Centres get an upgrade

On 23rd April 2021, Embassy of Japan, JICA and Ministry of Health successfully conducted a ground-breaking ceremony for the Project of Upgrading Health centres to District hospitals at the Copperbelt. The health centres to be upgraded are; Mushili health Centre in Ndola and Chamboli Health Centre in Kitwe to District Hospitals. The project is financed by Japan's Grant Assistance scheme at a cost of 2.65 billion Japanese yen or almost 24.1 million dollars.



Japanese Ambassador to Zambia (L) and JICA Chief Representative (R) officiating at the ground breaking ceremony of upgrading Health Centres at the Copperbelt.



FOUR (4) JICA Volunteers returned to Zambia in April, 2021 following their evacuation due to COVID -19 in 2019



JICA handed over ICT Equipment to the Ministry of Agriculture on 26th May, 2021



Chipata Level 1 Hospital constructed with Support from JICA fully operational and open to the Public

Kazungula Bridge officially opened



May 10, 2021, goes down in history as the day the Kazungula Bridge and One Stop Border Posts was commissioned by H.E Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia, and H.E Dr, Mokgweetsi Keabetswe Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, with the participation of honorable guests and representatives from neighbouring countries, international donors, Embassy of Japan and JICA.

The Construction began in December 2014, co-funded by JICA, the African Development Bank, regional governments and other grants. The Kazungula Bridge is expected to ease access to international markets through connectivity with major seaports as well as contribute to maximizing the operational efficiency of the SADC north-south corridor and enhance regional economic integration. Management operations arising from the One Stop Border facilities

JICA hands over full Body sanitizing Booths



On 1st March, 2021, JICA Zambia office handed over three full body-sanitizing booths to Kasumbalesa and Chirundu borders to strengthen Medical Inspection for COVID-19 control. Kasumbalesa border received two full body sanitizers due to high number of travelers crossing the border between Congo D.R and Zambia while Chirundu border received one. This is in line with the survey JICA conducted in August 2020 with consultations with ZRA, Ministry of Health and Zambia National Public Health Institute on supporting Customs offices in COVID-19 Management at the points of entry.