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## Japan extends support of USD 11 million to develop Rice Seed Production



His Excellency Mr. MIZUUCHI Ryuta, Japanese Ambassador to Zambia, and Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance and National Planning, signed and Exchanged Notes for the Grant Aid for the "Project for Development Rice Seed Production Field and Training Facilities" This Grant amounts to 1.59 billion Japanese Yen (approx. 11 million US Dollar).

The Project aims to construct new training facilities for Mt. Makulu Research Station in Lusaka and the Mansa Agricultural Experiment Station in Luapula Province, also procure agricultural machinery for quality-based treatment of harvested crops, which promote the diversification and higher value addition of crop production and help ensure that agriculture serves as a pillar of economic growth. The project will run over a period of three years from 2022 to 2024.



*JICA Zambia Chief Rep. , Japanese Ambassador to Zambia and Minister of Finance & National Planning during the signing ceremony for Rice Seed Grant Aid Project.*



*JICA expert gathering information on rice sales*



*Camp extension officers and key farmers conducting transplating training session in Luapula*

# JICA's MoReDeP Conducts Rice Cultivation Training Sessions in Luapula



Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MoReDeP) conducted technical training sessions for 62 Extension Officers and Lead-Farmers from 7 districts in Luapula Province from 9-11 November 2022. After the classroom sessions, the participants were taken for practical sessions on cultivation techniques including land preparation and line planting through hands-on approach at the rice research institute, Mansa Research Station. The participant are expected to disseminate the knowledge they acquired in the training to the rice farmers in their districts.

# JICA Zambia Receives New Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)



*Ms Watanabe paying a courtesy to Director Agriculture at MoA*



*Ms Makino 2<sup>nd</sup> from left with ZCSMBA CEO & some Board members.*

On 2 November 2022, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program of Japan International Cooperation Agency JICA received two new volunteers, Ms Minami WATANABE and Ms Chie MAKINO. Ms. Watanabe will be assigned to Kasisi Agriculture Training Centre and will work in the field of livestock and daily products.

Ms Makino will work as a business management volunteer at Zambia Chamber of Small and Medium Business Association ZCSMBA.



*Ms. Watanabe with Manager at Kasisi Agriculture Training Centre*

## Bridge Maintenance Training in Zambia



The JICA training on Bridge Inspections using Drones commenced on 12 October 2022 in Japan. This was a Country focused training involving fourteen (14) Engineers from Road Development Agency (RDA). Participants had an opportunity to meet and interact with experts in drone usage for various purposes - including bridge inspections. They also met municipal council staff in Yokohama and Kimitsu Cities, and learnt about the management and maintenance of their bridge structures. Implementation of drone use for bridge inspections is already in the process of being introduced as a cheaper alternative to outsourcing the monitoring and maintenance of bridges in Kimitsu. The participants had the privilege to hear about the initial stages of the process. The training was very enlightening, informative and exciting.

## CASSIOPIA Conducts Evidence-Based Hospital Data Management Workshop in Lusaka

On 22 November 2022, the Project for Strengthening Management Capacity of General hospitals in Lusaka District conducted the first ever Evidence-Based Hospital Data Management Workshop in partnership with the Ministry of Health. The aim is to strengthen Data Management in the five target General hospitals; Kanyama, Chipata, Matero, Chawama and Chilenje. After presentations from each hospital, the participants were divided into groups for lively discussions.

