# COOPERATION OF JAPAN IN ZIMBABWE

People to People Support for Generations













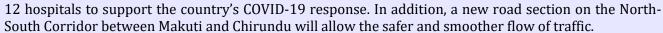


# 1. Ambassador's Greetings

My name is Satoshi Tanaka, and I am the current Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe. Thank you for your interest in Japan's development cooperation with Zimbabwe

More than one can imagine and for over 40 years, since Zimbabwe's Independence, Japan has been cooperating with Zimbabwe in a broad range of areas including humanitarian assistance, infrastructure, agriculture, health, education, landmine clearance and emergency assistance in many different parts of the country.

Recently, Japan has provided emergency assistance for vulnerable people affected by the drought and for the victims of Cyclone Idai, as well as hospital equipment for



The continued cooperation of Japan with Zimbabwe was outlined at the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7) in 2019. Japan's cooperation will also support the Government of Zimbabwe's development agenda as laid out in the National Development Strategy 1.

Japan will remain committed to working closely with Zimbabwe and further strengthening friendly relations between our two countries. I hope this pamphlet is helpful for you to gain a deeper understanding of our cooperation with Zimbabwe. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

# 2. Background of Economic Cooperation

# (1) TICAD (since 1993)

The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) was launched in 1993 by the Government of Japan to promote Africa's development, peace and security. Over the course of the 25 years since TICAD I in 1993, it has been conducted under the principles of African ownership and international partnership.

At TICAD V in 2013, a summit meeting was held between former Japanese Prime Minister Abe and former President Mugabe. This was a landmark occasion as Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan's commitment to work for the revitalisation of bilateral relations between the two countries, including the resumption of full-fledged economic cooperation with Zimbabwe.

At TICAD7 in 2019, African Countries and Japan committed to promoting business development in Africa as the main pillar of TICAD, as well as achieving human security and the SDGs. Japan further committed to supporting Africa's own initiatives towards peace and stability as preconditions for economic growth and investment.



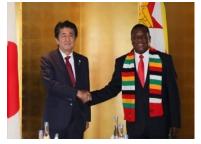


TICAD7 group photo (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)

Also at TICAD7, a summit meeting was held between former Prime Minister Abe and H.E. President Mnangagwa. Prime Minister Abe committed to providing assistance to the victims of Cyclone Idai, improving hospital facilities and

increasing food security. The two leaders expressed their wish to promote economic relations between the two countries.

TICAD8 will be held in Tunisia in 2022.



Zimbabwe-Japan Summit Meeting (Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office)

# (2) Joint Statement (2016)

In March 2016, the former Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Shinzo Abe, and former President Robert Mugabe met in Tokyo, where they signed a Joint Statement to further strengthen bilateral relations. Japan expressed its support for Zimbabwe's development efforts and pledged Grant Aid for Zimbabwe's economic and social development, including infrastructural improvement and food aid to assist with severe food shortages as a result of the drought.

The two leaders also resolved to further promote trade and investment between the two countries, as well as people-to-people exchanges including scholarships, training programmes, and the dispatch of Japanese volunteers to Zimbabwe.

# 3. Summary of Japan's Assistance to Zimbabwe

Japan has provided economic cooperation assistance to Zimbabwe since the country's Independence in 1980. This has included Loan Aid, Grant Aid, and Technical Cooperation assistance. From the 1980's to 2001, Japan was the largest international donor to Zimbabwe.

The basic policy of Japan's cooperation is sustainable development assistance, which is in line with Zimbabwe's development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Summary of Japan's Assistance to Zimbabwe (1980 – 2020)	
Loan Aid	Around USD 346 million
Grant Aid	Around USD 627 million
<ul> <li>Technical Cooperation Assistance</li> <li>Zimbabwean experts receiving training in Japan: 2,000 people</li> <li>Japan Oversees Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) providing expertise in Zimbabwe: 544 people</li> <li>Japanese experts and missions dispatched to Zimbabwe: 998 people</li> <li>Zimbabwean students receiving scholarships for study in Japan including the ABE Initiative: 29 people</li> </ul>	Around USD 177 million

# 4. Grant Aid Projects

Japan's Grant Aid Projects that have been implemented up to now include the improvement of hospitals, such as Harare Central Hospital and Mpilo Hospital; construction of irrigation facilities and dams, such as the Nyakomba Irrigation Scheme in Nyanga; improvement of rural roads and water supply; the building of Chirundu Bridge; and improvement of sewerage facilities in Chitungwiza.

In addition, Japan has provided humanitarian assistance through UN agencies and other international organisations, as well as emergency assistance through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

# History and Main Projects of Japan's Grant Aid to Zimbabwe (1980–2020)

Food Assistance to Support Vulnerable Households in Urban Areas (through WFP) (USD 4.5m)

Food Assistance (through WFP) (USD 14.8m)

Provision of Medical & Hospital Equipment to Support COVID-19 Response (USD 3.8m)

Provision of Medical & Hospital Equipment for Harare Children's Hospital (USD 2.7m) • 2020

Productive Asset Creation and Food Assistance (through WFP) (USD 2.7m) 2019

Provision of Cybersecurity Equipment to Zimbabwe Republic Police (USD 3.6m)



Road Improvement of the Northern Part of the North-South Corridor (USD 21m) 2018

Signing of Joint Statement between Japan and Zimbabwe 2016

Irrigation Development for Nyakomba Irrigation Scheme (USD 16.3m) 2015

Food Aid (through WFP) (2003–2017) (USD 27.2m) 2003

Construction of the Chirundu Bridge (USD 13.7m) 1998

Construction of Pediatric Facilities of Mpilo Central Hospital (USD 11m) 1997

Improvement of Sewerage Facilities in Chitungwiza (USD 20.4m)

Construction of Pediatric Facilities of Harare Central Hospital (USD 11.9m) 1996

Nyakomba Irrigation Development Project (1995–2000) (USD 19.3m) 1995



1993 Rural Water Supply Project (USD 8.5m)

Improvement of Rural Roads (USD 28.5m)

1991 Rehabilitation of Medical Facilities of Harare Central Hospital (USD 12.2m)

Construction of Medium Size Dams in Masvingo Province (USD 40.4m)

1989 Start of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects

Grant Aid for Increase of Food Production (1980–1999) (USD 70m)

1980 Launch of Official Development Assistance (ODA) (year of Independence)



# (1) Bilateral Projects

# Provision of Medical and Hospital Equipment for Harare Children's Hospital (2020)

The Harare Hospital Paediatric Unit, or Harare Children's Hospital, was constructed and equipped through funding by Japan and Canada in 1996. It is the largest hospital for children in Zimbabwe. In January 2020, Japan again provided assistance through a grant of USD 2.7 million for a comprehensive range of new medical and hospital equipment, including X-ray systems, bedside ICU and CCU monitors, ultrasound scopes. ventilators. electrocardiographs, operation examination equipment, and hospital beds. This new equipment will improve the quality of health service delivery, thus ensuring the health of both mothers and children.



Harare Children's Hospital

# Road Improvement of the Northern Part of the North-South Corridor (2018-2021)

In June 2018, Japan provided a grant of USD 21 million for a road construction project to improve a steep section of the North-South Corridor, Zimbabwe's most important highway, between Makuti and Chirundu. Previously, this section had sharp curves and a high accident rate. The project is being implemented by the Department of Roads in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development under supervision by Japanese highway engineers, who are sharing with their Zimbabwean counterparts their experience and the latest expertise of road construction in mountainous terrain. Through this project, climbing lanes will be constructed and the horizontal and/or vertical alignment improved for a distance of 6.5 km.



Finalisation of new road section (Photo: JICA)

# Provision of Cybersecurity Equipment (2018)

In 2018, Japan provided a grant of USD 3.6 million to the Government of Zimbabwe for equipment to fight cybercrime and transnational This equipment crimes. comprises facial recognition systems, installed at four airports and one border post; a facial forensic system; a digital forensic system; and an information sharing platform.





Facial recognition equipment installed at Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport (Photo: NEC)

# Irrigation Development for Nyakomba Irrigation Scheme (2015-2019)

The Nyakomba Irrigation Scheme, initially constructed from 1995-2000 through USD 19.3 million in funding from Japan, irrigated 434 ha benefitted 530 small-scale farmer households. However, some of the facilities had fallen into disrepair, especially following Cyclone Eline in 2006. In 2015, Japan therefore provided funding of USD 16.3 million for a new project to extend and improve the scheme. It was completed in 2019, and a total of 580 ha of land is now irrigated, benefitting 760 households. It has allowed the farmers to diversify their crops, and grow maize, beans, peas, Tabasco chilli, tomatoes, paprika, and wheat throughout the year, in spite of climate change, thus improving their livelihoods.





Pump room (Photo: JICA)

Irrigation canal (Photo: JICA)



Aerial view (Photo: JICA)

# (2) Multilateral Projects through International Organisations

 WFP: Support to Government of Zimbabwe to Meet Essential Food Security Needs of Communities affected by Seasonal Shocks and Shortages

In 2020, in view of the food shortage crisis in Zimbabwe as a result of drought, inflation and COVID-19, Japan provided USD 14.8 million in funding to procure and distribute around 50,000 tons of maize, through WFP and the Zimbabwe Government. It was expected to fulfil the basic food security needs of vulnerable people in rural areas.

This support complemented US\$2.7 million in emergency funding provided by Japan in 2019 for food assistance and community resilience-building activities, also through WFP. It enabled the construction of nutrition gardens and dams, in order to make the communities more resilient to climate shocks in the future. In addition, the funding supported school feeding programmes and nutrition for waiting mothers in maternity waiting homes around the country. It benefitted 28,500 people across 24 districts.



Nutrition garden (Photo: WFP/ Althea Pickering)



Distribution of foodstuffs (Photo: WFP/ Althea Pickering)

# UNICEF: Enhancing Resilience of Drought- and Flood-Affected Communities through a Comprehensive Set of Nutrition, HIV and WASH Interventions

Also in 2020, Japan provided USD 454,545 in funding for a comprehensive set of life-saving nutrition, HIV/AIDS and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) interventions to assist the most vulnerable women and children in the four districts of Binga, Buhera, Chiredzi and Masvingo through UNICEF.

The assistance included the screening and treatment of children for malnutrition, imparting of healthy coping strategies to people living with and vulnerable to HIV and AIDS, and provision of clean water and sanitation to 10,000 children at schools.



Screening of child for maluntrition (Photo: UNICEF Zimbabwe)

# IOM: Multiple Support to Cyclone- and Drought-Affected Population

Furthermore, in 2020 Japan provided USD 96,054 to support 50 households (about 250 individuals) affected by Cyclone Idai in need of transitional shelter assistance. Each benefitting household received materials for a two-roomed shelter unit. In addition, construction toolkits were provided to local builders so that they were able to learn how to construct safe shelters.



Assessing beneficiary household (Photo: IOM Zimbabwe)

# (3) Grassroots Support

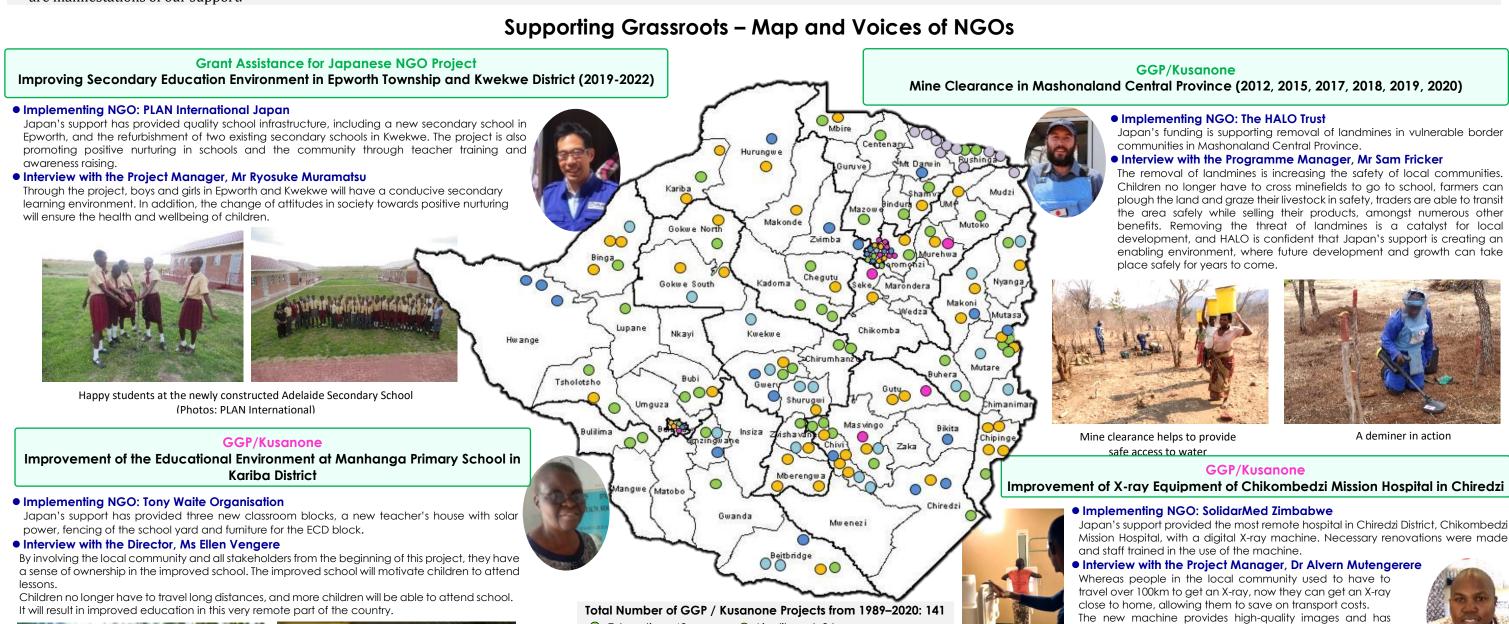
Going to school, receiving medical treatment at a hospital, drinking clean water, and living in a safe area without landmines... There are many places where the communities cannot live with such decent conditions. In order to directly connect with people living in such areas and provide them with what they truly need, it is necessary not only to provide assistance through the government and international organisations, but also to cooperate with a wide range of community-based organisations working at the grassroots level.

# Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects

From 2009-2020, Japan has supported a project to improve the educational environment at 18 schools in Gokwe North District through a Japanese NGO, ADRA Japan. As well as constructing school blocks and WASH facilities, it has supported income-generation projects for the schools such as beekeeping and poultry projects to ensure that the schools are sustainable. In addition, from 2019-2022, Japan is supporting improved access to secondary education in Epworth Township and Kwekwe District through another Japanese NGO, PLAN International Japan. The support includes the construction and rehabilitation of secondary schools, as well as the training of teachers in positive nurturing.

# Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP/Kusanone in Japanese)

Although each project may be small in scale, the GGP/Kusanone programme is Japan's unique assistance programme to meet the diverse needs of local communities by directly supporting development activities run by NGOs. Over the 30 years since the programme was established, a total of 141 projects have been carried out through this scheme in Zimbabwe (as of March 2021). Many smiles and words of gratitude which we have received from programme beneficiaries are manifestations of our support.







Children enjoying the improved learning environment at Manhanga Primary School

# The six new GGP/Kusanone projects signed in 2020

- The Project for Construction of a Family Support Centre for Women's Safety at Overspill Market in Epworth (Katswe Sistahood)
- The Project for Construction of a Clinic for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence at Mpilo Central Hospital in Bulawayo (Family Support Trust)
- The Project for Mine Clearance in Mashonaland Central Province (The HALO Trust)

Livelihood: 36

O Agriculture: 16

O Landmine Clearance: 7

Education: 48

Japanese NGO Projects

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- The Project for Construction of a Multi-purpose Skill Training Centre for Orphans and Vulnerable Youth In Harare (Dzikwa Trust Fund)
- The Project for Construction of an Educational Facility and Borehole for HIV Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Harare (Chiedza Child Care Centre) • The Project for Construction of School Buildings at Muvande Primary School in Seke District (Nhaka Foundation)



therefore allowed improved diagnosis and monitoring of

The new X-ray machine at Chikombedzi Mission Hospital

# (4) Emergency Disaster Relief

The Government of Japan dispatches Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) teams and/or provides emergency relief goods when major disasters occur in response to requests received from the governments of affected countries or international organisations.

# Emergency Assistance in Response to Cyclone Idai (2019)

In March 2019, Cyclone Idai caused much devastation to homes and livelihoods in Manicaland Province. Japan responded quickly by sending emergency relief goods (tents, portable jerry cans, tarpaulins, etc.) through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to support the victims. The goods were distributed by WFP. Japan also extended Emergency Grant Aid of US\$ 0.6m for immediate humanitarian aid in the areas of food assistance, protection of women and children, provision of shelter/non-food items; and camp coordination through the UN agencies WFP, UNICEF and IOM.



Handover ceremony of relief goods

# Emergency Assistance in Response to the Floods Damage in Matabeland (2017)

The Government of Japan provided emergency relief goods, namely 500 tents, 40 plastic sheets, 40 water purifiers, and 800 portable jerry cans, in March 2017 in Matabeleland North and South provinces. These areas were heavily affected by the floods and cyclone occurring from the end of 2016 to the beginning of 2017. The transportation services and distribution of goods were assisted by UNICEF and IOM.



Emergency assistance goods at the airport in Harare awaiting distribution



Flood victims using tents provided by Japan

# Cyclone Idai Assistance

# Capacity Building on Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (UNICEF)

Funding of US\$ 150,000 through UNICEF enabled 5,000 government/NGO staff to be trained on protection of sexual exploitation and child abuse in emergencies, and 15,000 children and 8,000 mothers were provided with sanitary kits.



Girls receiving support to prevent gender-based violence (through UNICEF)

# Provision of food assistance (WFP)

In addition, funding of US\$ 350,000 through WFP supported the cyclone response by providing food assistance to 26,200 affected people, meeting their immediate needs so that they could recover and rebuild.



Food Assistance in Action

# Provision of Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs) (IOM)

Finally, US\$ 100,000 in funding through IOM allowed the delivery of non-food items (NFIs), such as tarpaulins and mosquito nets, and supported camp coordination and management. It supported 200 most vulnerable households (around 1,000 individuals).



NFI distributions taking place in Ndima (Ward 23), Chimanimani

# **5.Technical Cooperation**

Japan's Technical Cooperation supports human resources development, research and development, technology dissemination and the development of institutional frameworks essential for the development of economies and societies in developing countries by dispatching experts, accepting training participants and/or providing equipment. The Technical Cooperation is mainly implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, JICA.

# (1) Technical Cooperation Projects

Technical Cooperation projects are the core operations of JICA's Technical Cooperation and optimally combine experts, training and/or equipment to achieve the set goals. To raise a sense of ownership and of sustainability, most Cooperation Technical projects adopt participatory methods. whereby local counterparts and beneficiaries in each project iointly conduct planning, operation. management and evaluation activities.

# Quality Improvement of Health Services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM Approach (2019-2021)

This project intends to improve the quality of healthcare services through the 5S–KAIZEN–TQM (Total Quality Management) which is a simple, yet highly effective approach to improve quality of healthcare and hospital management. 5S stands for Sort, Set, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain. KAIZEN means "change for the better" in Japanese and is a team-based continuous problem solving activity to improve the work process for increased productivity, quality and safety. The project is implemented jointly by JICA and Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Directorate, Ministry of Health and Child Care, at 12 hospitals in Zimbabwe.



Training Session for Healthcare Workers (Photo: JICA)

# Zimbabwe Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion Project (Zim-SHEP) (2019–2024)

This project contributes to guiding smallholder farmers to practice market-oriented agriculture and increase their income through the SHEP approach. This approach changes farmers' mindsets from "grow and sell" to "grow to sell". This project is jointly implemented by JICA and AGRITEX, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, in all the eight rural provinces of Zimbabwe.



Farmers undergoing training (Photo: JICA)

The Project for Capacity
 Development on Smooth
 Operation of OSBPs on the
 North-South transport Corridor (2020-2025)

This project aims to improve customs clearance procedures of One-Stop Border Posts (OSBPs) at Chirundu and Kazungula, the main borders of the North-South Corridor. Strengthened capacity of OSBPs will ensure that border crossings for people and trade are faster and more efficient. The project is jointly implemented by JICA and relevant authorities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Botswana including

the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA) and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.



Border Control facilities at Chirundu Bridge (Photo: JICA)

# (2) Training Programs in Japan

Local experts recommended by the Zimbabwe Government are invited to Japan where they can acquire specialised knowledge and upgrade their skills through training.

 Master's Degree and Internship Programme of the African Business Education Initiative for the Youth (ABE Initiative)

At the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in Yokohama in 2013, former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced the ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth), a strategic five-year plan aimed at fostering sound and sustainable industrial development in Africa, in which 1,000 youths are provided with scholarships to study at Japanese universities and intern at Japanese companies, implemented as part of technical cooperation by JICA.

Interview with Ms Sandra Ngwerume, who is studying ICT at Kobe Institute of Computing under the ABE Initiative

- What is your profession?
   Technical and Customer Services
   Consultant.
- How long are you going to stay in Japan?
   Two years (September 2019 to September 2021).
- How do you plan to utilise your Japanese experience in Zimbabwe?

I am proud to say Japan possesses a unique education system in the Technology field and I have learned to create innovative technological solutions from the best minds in Japan. From my learning so far, I am now able to create technological solutions that are meant for the greater good of society. Upon my completion, I would like to be part of the

current
transformation
and growth in
the ICT sector in
Zimbabwe and
help keep
Zimbabwe in
sync with global
technological
advancements.



# Knowledge Co-Creation Programme (KCCP) and Training for Young Leaders

JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programme is a form of technical cooperation that JICA carries out in Japan. Some of the knowledge that Japanese society has accumulated, including its background in areas such as organisational knowhow and social systems, can only be understood through first-hand experience. This programme is an important means of technical cooperation which supports human resource development and resolving issues in developing countries.

Interview with Dr. Lightone Takawira Marufu who participated in the Integrated Lake, River and Coastal Basin Management for Sustainable Use and Preservation of Water Resources course in 2015

- What is your profession?
   Aquatic Ecologist and Lecturer at Biological Sciences Department, University of Zimbabwe.
- How long are you going to stay in Japan?
   Two months from September 2015.
- What did you learn in Japan and how have you been utilising the knowledge? I was based at the International Lake Environment Committee (ILEC) offices, Shiga Prefecture (next to Lake Biwa) in Japan and the training helped me understand how polluted lakes can be better managed using the ILBM concept. After my return, I have worked on creation of degree programmes that include the teaching of concepts such as Integrated lake Basin Management (ILBM) taught in Japan. Experiences gained in Japan also helped me complete my postgraduate degree by researching on impacts of invasive species on aquatic environments. I was also part of the research in Lake Kariba, Lake Chivero and a newly created dam, Tokwe Mukosi Dam, by the Biological Sciences Department (UZ) in conjunction

with the National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority using concepts acquired in Japan.



# (3) Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs)

JICA's volunteer programmes support the activities of developing countries in areas such as economic and social development and the reconstruction of societies. Through these cooperation activities, participating volunteers can contribute to the countries they are assigned to while also gaining valuable experience in terms of international goodwill, mutual understanding and expanding their international perspectives. Since 1989, over 500 JOCVs have shared their expertise in Zimbabwe.

Interview with Mr Atsushi Sasaki (Computer Technology, Shamva, Madziwa Teachers' College)

- Why did you come to Zimbabwe?
  I was interested in being an overseas volunteer, especially in Africa. On the other hand, I had worked at a Japanese software company for 16 years for the sake of the profit of my clients and my company. I thought this was the time to
- What is your responsibility as a JOCV?
   I am here to foster ICT abilities and environments. I think the Zimbabwean ICT

make my skills contribute to Africa.

sector lags 5 years behind the Japanese one. ICT development directly leads to the country's growth.

 Any message to Zimbabwean students?
 Knowing and utilising the latest ICT skills can change the present conditions dramatically.



Interview with Ms Ayumi Akasaka (Design, Harare, Harare Polytechnic College)

Why did you come to Zimbabwe?
 I worked at a manufacturing company in Japan. I designed pens, markers, packages and brochures. Although the job was challenging, I thought I could do

more with my skills as a designer. Then I decided to join this volunteer program.

What is your responsibility as a JOCV?
 I give lectures on how to operate design software and basic design methods for

students and colleagues. I keep in mind to look at things from the local point of view in performing my assignments.

 Any message to Zimbabwean students?
 Skills always

help us to survive. Keep on learning and enjoy.



Interview with Mr Shogo Aoki (Baseball, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe Baseball Association)

- Why did you come to Zimbabwe? I came to Zimbabwe to teach and promote baseball. I also wanted to see the and experience authentic Zimbabwe. I have been playing baseball for 18 years and learned many important things as a human being from baseball. Before I became a JOCV, I worked at a travel agency for 5 years and gained knowledge of marketing. Based on these experiences, I will try hard to make the most of what I've learned.
- What is your responsibility as a JOCV?
   To give a chance to play baseball to the people who are interested.
   My other responsibility is to share my culture and customs.
- Any message to Zimbabwean students?
   Failure helps us learn from our mistakes, so believe in yourself and keep on pushing. No pain no gain!!!



