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Zambia improving global market linkages

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On this 58th anniversary of the independence of Zambia, I wish to convey greetings from the president of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, to Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the prime minister, His Excellency Mr. Fumio Kishida, and the people of Japan.

As Zambia celebrates its 58th Independence Anniversary under the theme "Promoting Inclusiveness Towards a Sustainable Social and Economic Recovery," the country wishes to reaffirm the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation shared between Zambia and Japan.

President Hichilema recognizes the economic cooperation between Zambia and Japan and encourages bilateral trade for the mutual benefit of both countries. Zambia is currently implementing measures and strategies that are stimulating economic growth and improving people's livelihoods. The policies, strategies and measures go a long way to unlocking local and foreign investment, promoting value creation, and enhancing trade.

As evidenced by the 167.3 billion kwacha (\$10.5 billion) national budget delivered to the National Assembly recently under the theme "Stimulating Economic Growth, for Improved Livelihoods," the Zambian government is on the right path toward economic transformation through improved budget credibility and better planning catering to the growth of the country's economy in all sectors. The budget is premised on increased social sector spending and incentives to stimulate private sector development.

The Zambian government has created a conducive business environment and reduced the cost of doing business. This has been done by putting in place policies and reforms that encourage businesses to thrive and grow. Impediments to businesses have been reduced as the government is encouraging the private sector to take part in developing the country. At the core of the Zambian government are efforts toward participation in regional and global value chains, making exports an engine of economic growth and improving global market linkages.

Bilateral trade and investment and economic and technical cooperation are the hallmarks of Zambia's foreign policy. In the tourism sector, cognizant of the importance of cooperation with Japan, the Zambian government has announced a visa waiver for Japan, the United Kingdom and European Union countries, among others. Japan should take advantage of this opportunity to explore Zambia's investment opportunities and tourism potential.

The country is committed to building on the existing friendship and cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries. Zambia recognizes the diverse support provided by Japan in sectors such as agriculture, education, infrastructure and health, among others.

Zambia is further calling on Japan to take advantage of the investment opportunities that are available in the country in areas such as technology, mining, health and agriculture. The country is positioning itself as a global player in the production of electric motor vehicle batteries and components as it is endowed with natural resources such as copper, cobalt, nickel, manganese, phosphorous and iron. Zambia is focused on job creation beneficial to the two countries through economic diversification, economic transformation and the improvement of citizens' lives.

There have been renewed efforts from the Zambian government to embrace technologies that will ensure sustainability and a clean and environmentally friendly nation. This will shift the nation to green energy, as well as contribute to the production of electric motor vehicle batteries.

Zambia is therefore calling on Japan to join it in ensuring the electric motor vehicle battery project is mutually beneficial to both countries. Japan has proven



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Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia

to be a trendsetter in economic development and technological advancements, especially in the manufacturing of vehicles, among other fields. Zambia is appealing to Japan to consider increasing investment that will be mutually beneficial for both countries' peo-

ples. Zambia remains committed to promoting trade and investment opportunities that will lead to more jobs, and to improving the lives of the people of both countries.

I wish to commend the Japanese government for the cooperation and support that it continues to give Zambia. This is evidenced by the many projects that are currently being implemented that support the development of Zambia through the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has had a remarkable impact on our nation. JICA has supported Zambia's socio-economic development since the early 1970s.

The Zambian government values the relationship between Zambia and Japan and wishes to enhance it. Zambia considers Japan among its critical partners for national development. Zambia acknowledges the support it has received from Japan under the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). Recently a high-level Zambian delegation attended TICAD 8, where the two countries met with a focus on the deepening bilateral relationship between them. The Zambian delegation commended Japan for producing tangible development in the country and hoped that Japan would consider further investment in the country.

Zambia and Japan share strong bilateral relations. Zambia is committed to further strengthening and deepening the relationship.



Courtesy of the Zambian Embassy
Kalumbila Mine in North Western Province, Zambia, is one of the biggest copper producing mines in Africa.

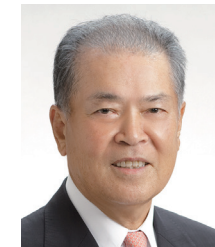
Kudos to Zambians from the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association

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It is a great honor to join the people of Zambia in celebrating the country's 58th Independence Day. On behalf of the members of our association, the students and staff at the ECC Group of Schools and the people of Japan, we are extremely pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to His Excellency, President Hakainde Hichilema, and our love and friendship to the people of the peace-loving country of the Republic of Zambia.

I am very impressed to see Zambia continuing to make steady strides as a peaceful, independent nation. I pray for the continued progress of the country and the peace and happiness of all the people of Zambia. Our association is based on the founding philosophy of the ECC Foreign Language Institute, the charter body of the association: "It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and lead-



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ership qualities. In this way, we hope to promote more interaction and understanding among the peoples of the world, thus helping to contribute to world peace."

Since 1975 we have been working together to promote bilateral friendship and mutual understanding between the Republic of Zambia and Japan. It is the greatest pleasure for our association to serve the needs of the people of Zambia, in however small a manner. With heartfelt wishes for an ever-brighter future, the association and the ECC Group of Schools will continue to work hard in the hope of strengthening and multiplying the ties of friendship between our two nations.

CONGRATULATIONS

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the Republic of Zambia
on the 58th Anniversary of
Their Independence



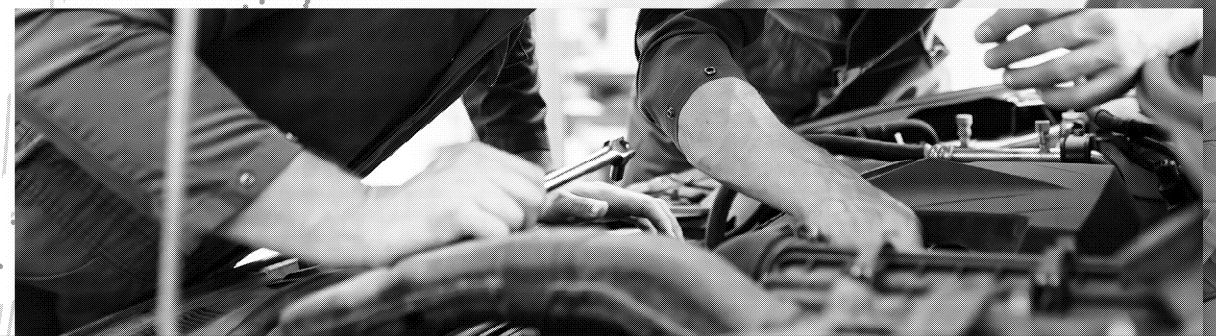
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