

# Zambia Independence Day

## Building on existing bonds for fair and mutual benefit

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AMBASSADOR OF ZAMBIA

I take this opportunity to greet Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the Imperial family, H.E. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the people and government of Japan. It is a great honor for me to serve as ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to Japan.



As I commence my tour of duty, I wish to assure the government and friendly people of Japan of my fervent commitment to further strengthen the excellent relations that have existed for many years between Zambia and Japan. Japan has been assisting Zambia in various developmental projects in health, agriculture, water and sanitation to mention but a few. During my tour of duty in Japan, I will strive to augment this cooperation especially in the area of trade and investment, infrastructure development and

tourism for the mutual benefit of our two countries. Zambia has a lot of admiration for Japan's prowess in economic development, technological advancement and expertise in a variety of fields. My goal is to see Zambia drawing lessons from Japan and further building on existing cooperation for the mutual benefit of our two nations.

In this regard, I assure the government and entrepreneurs of Japan that my office will remain open and welcoming for business engagements and



President of the Republic of Zambia Edgar Chagwa Lungu

partnerships. I also look forward to cooperation and interaction with academic institutions, cultural centers, non-governmental organizations and the Japanese people at large. Zambia is endowed with numerous resources such as land, minerals and water that offer diverse opportunities to invest in various sectors of the economy. The country's predisposition to political stability, security and our hospitable people provide a serene atmosphere for both social and economic activities.



Zambia is home to the eastern side of the Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of the world. EMBASSY OF ZAMBIA

The topography of Zambia with vast natural wildlife and the mighty Victoria Falls offers a relaxing atmosphere away from the stresses of daily life and work for both local and foreign tourists. I therefore, invite you to visit Zambia to explore our tourism facilities and enjoy our unique hospitality.

To the readers of The Japan Times, I am very grateful for this opportunity to reach out to you. It is my earnest hope that we shall continue to interact and deepen our friendship. Your inquiries about Zambia are most welcome and I look forward to making meaningful and fruitful facilitation of your business and interaction with Zambia.

## Facilitating world peace and better understanding

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Congratulations on the 51st anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Zambia. On behalf of the members of the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association, all of the students at the ECC Group of Schools and staff and the people of Japan, we are sincerely pleased to extend our warmest congratulations to His Excellency, President Edgar Lungu, and our love and friendship to all the people of the peace-loving country of the Republic of Zambia.

It is a great honor to join the people of the Republic of Zambia in celebrating its Independence Day each year since our establishment in 1975. I am very impressed to see Zambia continuing to make steady strides as a peaceful, independent nation. I pray for the continued progress of your 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 fellowship: "It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and leadership 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."

I hope through working together to promote bilateral friendship, mutual understanding, and further interactions, ties between the Republic of Zambia and Japan continue to grow. The ECC Group of Schools' definition of a true internationally minded person is a friend who can feel the pain of another as their own, and who is willing to share that burden. We would like to make every possible effort to help create more internationally minded true friends, who contribute to the eternal peace of the entire world.

With this in mind, our association has carried out various activities to promote mutual understanding and to form bonds of friendship between the people of Zambia and the people of Japan. This year we are focusing on providing textbooks and books to high schools in Zambia. These efforts are made possible through joint work with the ECC Group of Schools and the Japan-Zambia Friendship Association by holding the annual ECC Save-the-Earth Campaign to collect donations from ECC students and staff, as well as the general public.

It is the greatest pleasure for our association to attempt to serve the needs of the people of Zambia, even in our small way. With heartfelt wishes for an ever-brighter future, the association and the ECC Group of Schools will continue to make efforts in the hopes of strengthening and increasing the ties of friendship between our two nations, and throughout the world.

## Land of investment opportunity

The copper mining industry is Zambia's main source of income bringing in about 65 percent of foreign exchange earnings through exports.

Zambia's domestic economy is based on agriculture. Maize is the staple food and other food crops include cassava, wheat, millet, vegetables, sugar cane, groundnuts, sweet potatoes, fruits, sorghum and soy beans.

Since the early 1990s, Zambia has pursued market-oriented policies, with the country becoming increasingly integrated in the global economy. This has been done through the privatiza-

tion of state enterprises, removal of unnecessary controls, deregulation of interest and foreign exchange rates, reduction of tariffs, strengthening of the financial sector, and reforms on policies of repatriation of tax profits, dividends and capital.

The World Bank in 2010 named Zambia as one of the world's fastest economically reforming countries. The headquarters of COMESA are based in the capital of Lusaka.

Zambia's stable macro-economic stability — a conducive and enabling environment for private sector and industrial



On safari in the Luangwa Valley EMBASSY OF ZAMBIA

growth, political stability, peace and tranquility is the hallmark for the country's positive investment climate. The cost of doing business has been reduced significantly while the country has one of the most open economies on the continent.

Specific investment opportunities exist in the following areas: mining, agriculture, energy, manufacturing and physical infrastructure.

Text provided by the Embassy of Zambia in Japan. For more information about Zambia, visit the official website at [www.zambia.or.jp](http://www.zambia.or.jp).



Above: Lunsemfwa Power Station; right: Vegetable farm in Zambia EMBASSY OF ZAMBIA



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