

His Royal Highness Chief Chamuka

The Area Member of Parliament

The District Commissioner of Chisamba

Shibuwato Senior Headman

Makeni Headman

Muwemmba Headman

Rupia Headman

Njofu Headwoman

Marakata Headman

Chairman, Treasury, Secretary and members from Area Development Committee

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentleman

We are glad with facing for a very special occasion for the handover ceremony of the Makeni - Mwemba Bridge from Japan to Zambia. The day of us had finally come really in front of our eyes. I would like to give you Congratulations and thank for your each hardy and successive cooperative care for this project.

More than 2 years ago, I and one student who is Mr. Hiroto Shibamura from Kyoto University had came this place for a survey after your voice had reached for us from Madam Chika of TICO. And 1 year later from this, this is August 2014, this project had been lunched by 2 university students who are Mr. Hiroto Shibamura and Mr. Yuma Daito. And then, Mr. Yuma Daito had come again to finish this project in June 2015, and then I am here to see it and give you Congratulations.

Dear headman of each village, I surprised the community power of Zambia, in the last year 2014, around 700 people had attended, and around 250 people had come to finish in this year. I believe that headman's power and villager's understanding for community work make it possible. Other things, all of your villages had achieved to collect the budget for project by personally, it is totally more than 7,000 K. I would like to praise of this your honor achievement. Congratulations.

Dear Area Development Committee, for your tremendous efforts, no one imitates like you, I believe it. We know that at first ADC member requested for TICO We need the bridge in our village to change the situation. Your voice had reached to Japan and your voice has made this situation now. We know that ADC member almost time stay near here except return home, they continue to care the project from bottom. We know that ADC organizing the several meeting like a make it possible for this ceremony. Before the Japanese come, ADC starts to preparation in advance. I believe if man has the management skill like ADC, the man must get a lot of achievement in his life. Thank you for your huge effort. Congratulations.

Dear Chief and DC, Thank you for concern about this project for us. Today I would like to declare that this bridge hand over for Zambia. Now this bridge is your hand. And I would like to declare, from today this bridge is opened for all people. I have this Document, memorandum of Agreement between Japan with Zambia with our signature, I am going to offer to receive and I would like to be that this is declaration officially hand over.

Dear all, finally I must mention about the bridge in the future. Our project has really done and this bridge is going to your possession. I deeply wish please use this bridge carefully for using at the further future also with almost same situation. For this, please take care, more than 5ton truck must not use this bridge, but we know that you need to transport a lot of crops after this harvest season, at the same time I believe that you know the good way already which you can off load before pass and after it you will loading again. This kind of carefully action for this bridge, I require you. And then, you also need to maintain the bridge by own your effort. It is easy for you because, if you find the some damage, please repair or recover by cement, so you must not make the some hole or damage anytime. But I believe you and ADC, you can manage, you have experience and skill. And I would like request to Chief and DC, please continue mention this bridge and support them from your points.

On behalf of the Makeni and Mweemba Bridge Construction Project Japanese side, I would like extend our final thanks and deepest gratitude to the all of cooperator. Your efforts helped save tremendous future. The Makeni Mweemba bridge is now officially in your hands.

Thank you and Congratulations.

*By Professor and Representative of CORE Makoto KIMURA
At the Makeni - Mweemba Bridge handover ceremony
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