

TEN ZAMBIAN STUDENTS TO STUDY IN JAPAN UNDER THE AFRICAN BUSINESS EDUCATION (ABE) INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH PROGRAM



Zambia enjoys good relationship with Japan and through cooperation the two countries have partnered in fostering development in Zambia in various sectors such as in health, Education, infrastructure, transport and agriculture. In view of this partnership, Zambian students are being selected to study in Japan under African Business Education (ABE) Initiative for Youth whose objective is to support young personnel who have the potential to contribute to the development of industries in Africa. The program which started in 2014, arose from resolutions of the fifth Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD V) of 2013 and offers opportunities for the youth to study master's courses in Japanese universities as international students.

In the 3rd batch of the ABE initiative program for 2016, ten Zambian students were enrolled for various courses. In the second batch of 2015 only two students from Zambia were selected while in the first batch of 2014, no student was enrolled from Zambia.

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The students for 2016 program, arrived in Japan on 27th August and 3rd September, 2016 and were sent to various Japanese universities in provinces. The students will study among other courses, Science and Engineering, Agriculture, Tropical Medicines and Global Health and environmental sciences.

At a welcome reception which was held in their honour by the Japanese Government in Tokyo on 7th September, 2016, the 300 participants from various African countries were also received by their Ambassadors and other diplomatic members of staff. Her Excellency, Mrs. Ndiyoi M. Mutiti, the Zambian Ambassador to Japan received the students and in her remarks encouraged them to study hard and widen their educational capacity. She urged them to be good Zambian ambassadors in the various parts of Japan where they will be sent and aim to achieve the best so as to help develop Zambia.

