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Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.

## **Products Donation for Prevention of Spread of Cholera in Zambia**

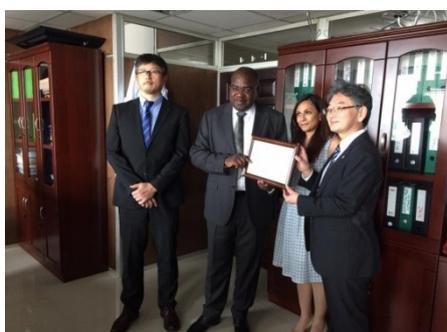
Kansai Paint Co., Ltd (Head Office: Osaka City Japan, President: Hiroshi Ishino) has currently undertaken a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project between the Zambian Government and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) using paint as a tool to improve the health environment in the Republic of Zambia. The project falls under the JICA category of 'Collaboration Program with Public & Private sector for Disseminating Japanese Technology for Social and Economic Development of Developing Countries'. As an extension to the project, Kansai Paint recently donated a range of novel paint based products known to assist in the control of bacterial spread, during a nationwide cholera outbreak that posed a significant threat to the country.

The Zambian Ministry of Health declared the cholera outbreak in the capital Lusaka last October and with the assistance of organizations like WHO have managed to control the epidemic.

Kansai Paint reached out to the Ministry in January this year when the outbreak reached a critical mortality rate, hoping to help control and bring the outbreak to an end as soon as possible, by donating special paint technology coated medical partition screens (Product name: Ales Shikkui) expected to be highly effective in controlling and prevention of air and contact borne bacterial diseases. Cholera is primarily transmitted through contaminated water, causing severe vomiting and diarrhea resulting in dehydration and in many cases death. Contact with these symptoms can further cause spread of the disease and in cholera units it is essential all surfaces or contact points be minimized of this exposure.

The donation of these partitions would help cholera treatment units reduce direct contact between patients, contact transfer of the disease to healthcare workers and family and on a broad scale decrease transfer within such facility. The Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Chitalu Chilufya conveyed his gratitude saying "Diverse, novel and timely intervention of products like Kansai Paint's medical partition screens can make a big difference in helping control disease spread. We believe they will contribute significantly and provide great support in Zambia's fight to eradicate cholera."

### **<Presentation of the official certificate of donation>**



From L to R: Junichi Hanai, Representative, JICA Zambia Office; Chitalu Chilufya, Minister, Ministry of Health, Kalpana Abe, Vice President - President's Office, Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.; Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to Zambia , Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

<Donated partition screens>



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