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the People of Japan**

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

MBABANE, 25 October 2023 – Mr USHIO Shigeru, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Eswatini, signed an Exchange of Notes (E/N) with Mr Deepak Shah, Country Director & Representative of the World Food Programme (WFP) Eswatini, to formalise a grant of 200,000,000 Japanese Yen (equivalent to 28,560,000 Swazi Lilangeni) to implement the Food Assistance Programme through WFP to the Kingdom of Eswatini. The Government of Japan has continuously supported the Kingdom of Eswatini with food assistance in cooperation with WFP since 2003.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is facing prolonged deterioration in food security. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini is encountering an increased number of undernourished children in the rural community. The impact is particularly severe among orphans and vulnerable children.

In response to this situation, the Government of Japan has decided to provide food assistance including maize (about 340 tons), Japanese rice (about 400 tons), and canned fish (about 61 tons) to Eswatini, through cooperation with WFP.

At the signing ceremony, Mr USHIO Shigeru, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Eswatini, said, “Food aid is vital for the people of Eswatini, as it not only improves health and nutrition, but it also has an economic impact, and we hope that partnering with WFP illustrates Japan’s commitment towards eradicating hunger and ending malnutrition in all its forms.”

Signing Date: 25th October 2023

Main commodity: Maize, Japanese rice, canned fish, etc.

Grant Amount: JPY 200 million (equivalent to SZL 28.56 million)

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