

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

14 August 2024 – Ambassador USHIO has signed and exchanged notes with the World Food Programme (WFP) to pledge a grant of 200 million Japanese yen (equivalent to approximately 25 million maloti) for the purpose of providing food aid to the Kingdom of Lesotho. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Hon Mr Lejone Mpotjoana, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations.

The essential food items include 100 tons of canned fish made in Japan, 126 tons of Japanese rice, and 220 tons of maize meal and other grains. This initiative is in partnership with WFP Lesotho Office, ensuring that the children of Lesotho receive nutritious meals. This assistance will go towards some 50 000 pre-primary school children.

At the ceremony, Ambassador USHIO commended WFP's work not only in Lesotho, but globally too. He emphasised Japan's commitment to contributing to Lesotho's priority areas and expressed Japan's willingness to further promote our bilateral relations and to continue contributing to the development of Lesotho.

Project Name: Food Assistance Programme (WFP)

Project Outline: Provision of 100 tons of canned Japanese mackerel, 126 tons of Japanese rice and 220 tons of maize and other grains to pre-primary school children.

Signatory: Ms Aurore Rusiga, WFP representative in Lesotho

Grant Amount: JPY 200 000 000 (approximately LSL 25 000 000)

