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Mr. H. M. Mweli
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Attn: Ms. Elspeth Khembo, Director, MST

28 March 2024

Dear Mr Mweli

Re: Invitation to JICA Master's Program on Improving the Quality of Basic Education (April 2025 intake).

I appreciate your cooperation and support in coordinating the teaching mathematics for understanding (TMU) activities in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at the department of Basic Education. Based on the above activities, JICA offers scholarships for a master's program to improve the quality of basic education.

I am pleased to invite DBE to coordinate the call for applications countrywide for this program which will take place in Japan from April 2025 – March 2027.

This program aims to train DBE personnel, who will be assigned to support the strengthening of mathematics education at primary and or secondary levels after completing the master's program in Japan. Beyond acquiring skills and knowledge, the program also provides participants with contexts to familiarize with Japanese culture and systems. The expected outcome of the program is that the graduates will contribute to the strengthening primary and secondary mathematics education.

The General Information (G.I.), application form, and research proposal form detailing requirements and eligibility are attached. Please submit up to three (3) typewritten applications before or on the **15 July 2024**.



For further enquiries, please contact Mr Hasegawa Hiroyuki, at Hasegawa.Hiroyuki3@jica.go.jp and Ms Eva Nderumaki at Nderumakieva.so@jica.go.jp or call JICA South Africa Office (Tel: +27 12 346 4493).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '岡田 薫' (Okada Kaoru).

OKADA Kaoru
Chief Representative
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Attachments:

- General Information on the program (GI)
- Annex 1 - Application form
- Annex 2 – Research proposal form