Japan's Grant Aid "Economic and Social Development Programme" Signing Ceremony of the Exchange of Notes (E/N)

<u>Date</u>: 21st November 2017

<u>Venue</u>: Conference Room of the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Budget and National Planning, Abuja, F.C.T.

<u>Summary</u>: The Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Sadanobu Kusaoke attended the signing ceremony of the Exchange of Notes for Japan's Grant Aid "Economic and Social Programme". The Government of Japan has extended the aid of JPY 200 million (equivalent of USD 1.78 million) to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in order to contribute to enhancement of the health and agriculture sectors in Nigeria.

This programme provides the products, which include these of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD) and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. These products will be used for pharmaceutical research and development and efficient postharvest processing of rice crop and improvement of its quality.

The other participants to this ceremony include the Honourable Minister of Budget and National Planning, Sen. Udoma Udo Udoma, representatives from Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. It was widely reported by the local media.



