

## JAPAN EXTENDS A GRANT AID OF USD 2.78 MILLION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ROAD MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT) IN NIGERIA

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Mr. SHINOZAWA Takayuki, the Chargé d’Affaires a.i., Embassy of Japan in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, signed the Exchange of Notes with H.E. Prince Clement Ikanade Agba, Honorable Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, to extend a Grant Aid of approximately USD 2.78 million to the Federal Government of Nigeria for “The Project for Economic and Social Development Programme (Road Maintenance Construction Equipment)”.

This Grant Aid is meant to improve the road infrastructure environment by providing road maintenance-related equipment (road stabilizer). The stabilization method reduces the time required for road repairs by 60% and the cost by 50%~60% compared with conventional methods. This project will enable more Nigerians to have access to improved roads, which will allow seamless transportation of persons, goods and services from one region to another and thus will contribute to sustainable development and poverty reduction in Nigeria.

Prince Agba stated that the project is expected to improve the Federal Road Maintenance Agency’s (FERMA) capacity by providing much-needed equipment. He appreciated the Government of Japan for being a reliable partner in Nigeria’s development drive and urged FERMA to utilise this opportunity of improving the quality of Nigerian roads.

Mr Shinozawa noted in his speech that the equipment will firstly be deployed on sections of the federal roads in close proximity to Lagos and Abuja along the critical routes of the federal road networks of Ikorodu-Agbowa-Itoikin-Epe-Sunmaga-Oso and Share-Ndeji-Pategi-Eggan Baro-Abaji-Nasarawa-Lafia-Shendam. The selected routes traverse state and local government jurisdictions whose roads connect to the routes.

For details, please see below:

<b>Grant Amount</b>	USD 2.78 million
<b>Title</b>	The Project for Economic and Social Development Programme (Road Maintenance Construction Equipment).
<b>Facility/Equipment to be provided</b>	Road stabilization machine (Road Stabilizer).
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA).



