



The Embassy of The Republic of Rwanda Tokyo

Message from Dr. Charles MURIGANDE, Ambassador of Rwanda to Japan

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mrs. Kumiko Tsuda, and to all members of the Harvest Time (HAT), Non Profit Organization (NPO) for the support you have extended to the people of Eastern Province, in Rwanda, through the Banana Eco Cards project.

This project is vital not only because it generates income for beneficiaries, thus improving their welfare, but also it inspires countless others in the community around, to engage in such income generating activities by using raw resources available around them.

It is always very crucial when relations between States are built beyond the normal government-to-government hierarchies to involve people-to-people interactions in exchanging goods and services (through trade and investment), sharing experiences and knowledge and taking time to understand the culture of each other, and there is no such a perfect example of people-to-people relations, than this initiative by Harvest Time (HAT).

It is our hope that, the Banana Eco Cards project will flourish and reach beyond its initial intended goals, and will act as a catalyst to cement a long lasting relation between Harvest Time (HAT) and the people of Eastern Province and beyond.

Lastly, it is our wish that in a near future, in partnership between your Organization (HAT) and the local communities in Eastern Province, the project will be expanded both in scope and target to reach and benefit more people.

I thank you and wish you and all members of HAT good health and prosperous life.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Charles Murigande', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Charles MURIGANDE
Ambassador of Rwanda to Japan

