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Education Support Project for African Children in South Africa

Africans in South Africa, demanding radical reforms in the political, economic and social structures of their society on one hand, have been making various efforts to prepare themselves for the post-apartheid era on the other. Above all, with the firm conviction that providing greater educational chances for their children is one

of the crucial keys to the future South Africa, Mandela and other ANC leaders have been asking many countries of the world for their financial support.

In June 1990, with a fervent wish to support those Africans, we started our organization, "The People's

Education Support Fund, Japan". Our objective is to support those parents or guardians who, in spite of their

keen awareness for the importance of education, can't afford to send their children to school and those

children who haven't been able to realize their wish to study, by sending them the money needed to cover

their school expenses.

The educational environment for African children in South Africa is incredibly inadequate. Twenty-percent of the school-age children are left uneducated, while more than half of the

children who do enter primary schools are forced to leave, mainly for economic reasons, before they reach

grade 4. While white children are provided with free education up to their high school years, education for African children is

neither compulsory nor free. Thus economic poverty and social discrimination have long deprived African

children of the fundamental right to education. According to a survey, 1,500,000 children of school age are

said to be looking for chances and places of study. To help provide chances of study for more and more African children, "The People's Education Support

Fund, Japan" has begun the following project. We hope to carry it out with the understanding and

co-operative participation of as many people as possible. Please lend us your widest support.

I. Outline of the Project

1. A Project of Individual School Expenses Support

. We send money to cover the individual school expenses of those children who, for economic

reasons, haven't been able to go to school in spite of their strong wish to do so, prioritizing the

supporting of the primary and lower secondary level to that of senior secondary and tertiary.

. We aim to support total 1000 children's school years (25,000,000 yen) by 1994.

" Breakdown of Annual School Expenses. (R 1.00 ':-. 155)

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School fund R 11.00 R 1 1.00

Building Contribution R 20.00 R 20.00

Excursions R 30.00 R 30.00

Lunch R 100.00 R 100.00

Needle work contribution R 30.00 -

Agric. tools -

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R 525.00 R 650.00

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Total R 351.00 R 340.00

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2. A Project of School Supplies 8: Equipments Support

0 We send money (or goods sometimes, ex. musical instruments) to educational institutions

to help

equip themselves with such items as text books, stationery, science equipments, etc.

0 We aim to send the total amount of 5,000,000 yen by 1994.

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## II . Operating Procedure of the Project

1. Our organization "The People's Education Support Fund, Japan" raises fund by asking for contributions

from citizens, civil groups, laboyfmions, foreign ministry, etc.

2. Our organization establishes cooperative relationships with African civil groups, EDT (NECC), Ed. Dept. of

ANC(Zambia), etc. and asks them to introduce children and educational instituti by sending lists of names followed by particulars about their backgrounds (At p NECC and Eastern Transvaal Women's Union.).

3. Our organization picks out children and educational institutions to su provided by the above-said organizations.

4. Our organization sends the total amounts of money to the above-said organizations and asks their lawyers

to distribute the money to respective children and educational institutions.

5. Our orgahization receives following receipts from the law total amounts,

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showing that the money has been paid to schoolyto equip the institutions with such and su ch items.

6. Our organization makes finance report annually to the donors in Japan, sending copies of the above-said

receipts to whoever wishes to see them.

7. Its executive office will make an annual visit to South Africa to see "the supported s ituations" there, to

exchange ideas with and get latest information from the people concerned in this project. Information

Our Organization .. a \_ South Africa

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general (community schools, etc.)

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## III. Donation Procedure (There are two ways of donating)

1. General support donation ..... Any amount above 1000 yen to be pooled for supporting individual

children or educational institutions.

2. Specified support donation ----- Any of the following annual amounts depending on the level of the

individual the donor wishes to supportzprimary (20,000 yen),lower

secondary (30,000 yen),senior secondary (50,000 yen), tertiary (100,000 yen)

N .B. A part (not exceeding 20%) of the contribution will be used to cover our operating costs including the

printing and mailing of our brochures and the communicating with South Africa through let ter,

telephone, and fax.

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