

Shigeki Komatsubara hailed the Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA) for its commitment to excellence "that keeps Tanzania at the forefront of climate adaptation and resilience effort."

Under the SOFF project TMA will obtain operational and maintenance support so that Tanzania weather stations are effectively maintained long after the project has ended, he declared.

This will enable the agency to cope with technological growth and artificial intelligence, he said, hinting that the project will improve meteorological accuracy now pegged at 89 percent.

The project is similarly expected to enhance weather and climate data for resilience to support sustainable socio-economic development, he added.

## CHRAGG optimistic about human rights protection awareness efforts

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THE Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) has acknowledged increasing understanding about the importance of protection of human rights in the country, thanks to concerted awareness efforts.

The observation was made by CHRAGG Deputy Chairperson, Mohamed Khamis Hamad, while addressing a gathering at Salmon Amour Secondary School in Singida Municipality on Monday. He noted that members of the public are increasingly upholding human rights.

He commended the public for growing ability to identify and report acts of human rights violations in the society. "People are raising various issues that occur in society, and the government is taking appropriate steps to ensure that people's rights are protected," he said.

He explained that CHRAGG continues to provide public education and investigate reported cases of violence and human rights violations across the country.

Regarding child protection, he urged parents to stop being cruel to children and emphasised that

any such cases should be reported to the authorities by the public.

Veronica Emmanuel, a teacher at Salmon Amour Secondary School, expressed her gratitude to CHRAGG for visiting the school and providing public education to students and the wider school community.

"Providing education to pupils and teachers is an important step that will help them improve their knowledge of human rights and responsibilities. This knowledge empowers them to stand up for themselves and make the right decisions, especially when they encounter acts of human rights violations," she said.

She highlighted the importance of understanding the principles of good governance and human rights, noting that students have a crucial role in upholding values in society.

Omar Mwinyi, a Form Three pupil, also thanked the commission for providing public education, particularly regarding children's rights and protection.

"I will now be an ambassador to my fellow pupils by opposing any act of violence and the violation of others' rights, both in school and beyond," he said, adding that education on human rights is essential.