

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects

Grant Contract Signing Ceremony

Procurement of Recycled Fire Engines for Lilongwe City (Lilongwe City Council)

1st March, 2013



Top: His Excellency Ambassador Fujio Samukawa (left) and Mr. Richard Hara, Chief Executive Officer for Lilongwe City Council (right) signing a grant contract

Bottom: His Excellency Ambassador Fujio Samukawa exchanging the signed grant contract with Mr. Richard Hara. In the middle is Honourable Augustine Mtendere MP, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development.

On 1st March, 2013, His Excellency Fujio Samukawa, The Ambassador of Japan to Malawi and Mr. Richard Hara, Chief Executive Officer for Lilongwe City Council signed a grant contract amounting to USD122,135 under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the Project for Procurement of Recycled Fire Engines for Lilongwe City. This grant will facilitate shipping of four fire engines from Japan to Malawi. These fire engines are a kind donation from Japan Fire Fighters Association, Fukuoka-city and Tokyo Fire Department through the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy.

The Lilongwe City Council has three fire engines in a good condition. These are used to serve Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza and Salima districts. As a result, the Lilongwe City Council has not been able to fully respond to fire outbreaks and accidents leading to loss of property and human lives.

After the project is completed, the Lilongwe City Council will operate seven reliable fire engines. It is anticipated that response time to emergency calls will be reduced, and capacity of the fire fighting team will expand to manage disasters for 700,000 people living in the city and the neighbouring districts.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Honourable Augustine Mtendere MP, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development .