

Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects

Open Day Ceremony at Chimbalu Secondary School

2nd August, 2012



Top: Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Okada of NICCO handing over desks to Chimbalu Schools during the function
Bottom Left: Mr. Kobayashi listening to a presentation on eco-san toilets
Bottom Right: Farmers showcasing some vegetables from their water point garden

On 2nd August, 2012 Mr. Shigenobu Kobayashi, Charge'd' Affaires of the Embassy of Japan in Malawi attended an Open Day organized by Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO) at Chimbalu Community Day Secondary School in Dowa District. NICCO together with farmers in the targeted areas showcased some of the products and services of focus under the comprehensive rural development project based on transfer of environment-friendly agricultural technology and improvement of public health. The Government of Japan in August 2011 extended a \$438,961 (K65 million) grant to NICCO for the implementation of the project under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects. It is expected that the project will among other things assist NICCO to construct boreholes and ecological sanitation toilets, transfer of pro-environment agricultural technologies, improvement of public health and the processing of agricultural produce.