

**Japanese Cultural Grant Aid**  
**Handover of Musical Instruments to Police Brass Band**  
**3rd July, 2012**



**Left:** Ambassador Samukawa presenting the instruments to Her Excellency President Joyce Banda  
**Right:** The Police Brass Band performing using their new instruments



The Malawi Police Brass Band on 3rd July, 2012 received a range of musical instruments from the Japanese Government. The Government of Japan in June, 2010 extended a grant worth 34.8 million Japanese Yen (equivalent to K52.2 million) for the procurement of the instruments under the Japanese Cultural Grant Aid. It is expected that the musical instruments will assist the Band in its information dissemination initiatives in the areas of crime, accident & HIV/AIDS prevention among others and also cultural preservation through its performances during state functions. His Excellency Fujio Samukawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi presented the instruments to Her Excellency the State President of the Republic of Malawi, Mrs. Joyce Banda on behalf of the Malawi Police Service.