

## Japanese General Grant Aid

### The Official Inauguration of the New South Rukuru Bridge

23rd August, 2012



**Top Left :** The old bridge and new bridge

**Top Right:** Mr. Shigenobu Kobayashi, Charge'd'affaires, Embassy of Japan, and Honorable Mohammed Sidik Mia, the Minister of Transport and Public Works shaking hands in front of the memorial plate embedded in the new bridge

**Bottom Left:** The man who happened to be the first mini bus driver crossing the new bridge showing his gift

**Bottom Right:** Government officials and construction workers touring the bridge

On 23rd August, 2012, Mr. Shigenobu Kobayashi, Charge'd'affaires of the Embassy of Japan and Honorable Mohammed Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Works celebrated the official inauguration of the new South Rukuru Bridge in Rumphi District. The Government of Japan provided 994 million Japanese Yen ( about 3 billion kwacha at the present value) for the replacement and reconstruction of the South Rukuru Bridge project. Completion of the South Rukuru Bridge is expected to improve the flow of traffic drastically and also promote international trade with the neighboring countries.

