



Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects

Mzandu HIV Testing and Counseling Centre Handover Ceremony

Ntchisi

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Pictures: *Top:* Ambassador Samukawa launching the centre; *Bottom:* Ambassador giving his remarks

His Excellency, Mr. Fujio Samukawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi handed over an HIV Testing and Counseling Centre (HTC) constructed by World Vision Japan at Mzandu in Ntchisi district through the project called 'HTC Scale-up Project Phase III' to the Ministry of Health Malawi. Japan has provided a grant to World Vision Japan amounting to \$999,570 (about K160 million) for the implementation of the project which targets about 95,000 people in six districts of Rumphi, Karonga, Nkhosakota, Mchinji, Ntchisi and Machinga. From 2007-2009, the Government of Japan provided \$1.6 million (about K256 million) for the construction of 19 HTC centres benefitting about 48,000 people. The overall goal for constructing these centres is to reduce HIV prevalence through HTC services in the targeted districts.