

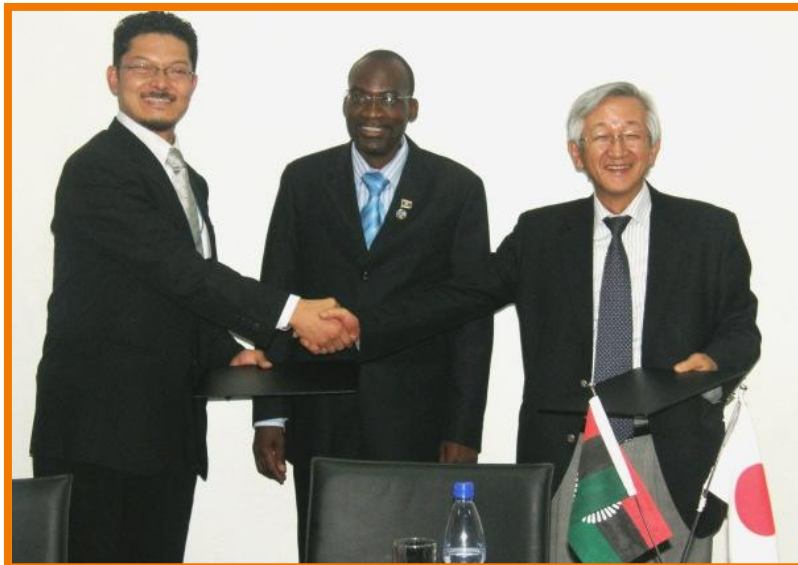
## Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects

### Grant Signing Ceremony

Embassy of Japan and Japan Overseas Cooperative Association

Lilongwe

9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011



**Pictures:** *Top: Ambassador Samukawa signing the contract;*  
*Bottom: Ambassador Samukawa & Mr. Niwa exchanging signed contracts*

On 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, the Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, His Excellency Mr. Fujio Samukawa signed a grant contract agreement with Mr. Katsusuke Niwa, the Resident Representative of Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA), under the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGOs projects for the implementation of the Phase III of the Farmers' Self-Reliance toward Community Empowerment Project in Mzimba.

The Government of Japan is committing \$547,777 (equivalent to K90, 383,205) for the project which is aimed at assisting farmers to become self-reliant by building their capacity through the dissemination of agricultural techniques using different kinds of methods including training in order to improve their food sufficiency and their income.