

Grant Assistance for Grassroots' Human Security Projects

Grant Signing Ceremony

Embassy of Japan and Kafukule

23rd November, 2011



Picture: *Ambassador Samukawa being congratulated by Deputy Minister of Education Mr. Wictor Songazaudzu Sajeni for signing over the grant to Kafukule Community Day Secondary School*

On 23rd November, 2011, the Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, His Excellency Mr. Fujio Samukawa signed a grant contract agreement with Mr. Geoffrey Mfumuchaje, the Head Teacher of Kafukule Community Day Secondary School, under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security projects for the construction of a girls' hostel at the school. The Government of Japan is committing \$107, 392 (equivalent to K17.7 million) for the project for the construction of a girls' twin hostel to accommodate 176 students at Kafukule CDSS. The aim of the project is to increase access to quality secondary education for girls as most of the girls drop out of school as they are unable to walk long distances to school.

In order to address this challenge, the school has set aside a small classroom and the school hall to accommodate at least 100 girls leaving the rest of the girls to look for accommodation on their own. However, this self-boarding system forces these female students' to live in poor conditions as there are no beds or bathrooms therefore sanitation is compromised.

This project will greatly assist in the retention of girls at school as most girls will be well accommodated therefore the education of girls will be encouraged in the area.