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### **Japan-Malawi Foreign Ministers' Meeting**

On 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida held a bilateral meeting with Hon. Dr. George Thapatula Chaponda, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Malawi in Sendai, Japan where the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is taking place.

During the talks, H.E. Mr. Kishida welcomed Hon. Dr. Chaponda's participation at the UN World Conference and expressed his deepest sympathy for the victims of the floods disaster in Malawi. Hon. Dr. Chaponda on the other hand, expressed gratitude for his invitation to Japan and for the gracious hospitality extended to the Malawi delegation. He also praised Japan's reconstruction efforts after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and thanked Japan for its assistance towards Malawi's floods disaster.

On bilateral relations, H.E. Mr. Kishida reiterated Japan's commitment to supporting Malawi's efforts for economic growth. He also expressed hope that Japan's assistance towards Malawi's energy sector would greatly contribute to the stable supply of electricity in the country. In his response, Hon. Dr. Chaponda conveyed gratitude for Japan's assistance and expressed hope for more support from Japan especially in the infrastructure sector.

H.E. Mr. Kishida also requested Malawi's corporation for the success of the next Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) meeting which is planned to be held in Africa in 2016. He also expressed Japan's wish to cooperate with Malawi for reform of the UN Security Council. In his response, Hon. Dr. Chaponda affirmed Malawi's commitment to active cooperation for the success of TICAD. He also agreed to cooperate with Japan for Security Council reform. On the other hand, the two ministers also confirmed that their countries will work together for the success of the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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