

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

Inauguration Ceremony The Project for Procurement of an Autoclave and Anesthesia Apparatus for Likuni Mission Hospital in Lilongwe District 27 September, 2018



Left: Ambassador Yanagisawa (middle) and Tarcisius Gervazio Ziyaye, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe (right) are celebrating the inauguration of newly procured anesthesia apparatus **Right:** The newly procured autoclave

On Thursday, 27th September 2018, the Likuni Mission Hospital held an inauguration ceremony for new autoclave and anesthesia apparatus. The hospital newly procured the equipment with the fund of the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, amounting to USD40, 000. The ceremony was graced by Tarcisius Gervazio Ziyaye, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Yanagisawa commended the Government of Malawi for its firm commitment to achieving universal health coverage despite numerous challenges in the health sector. She further mentioned that universal health coverage is achieved through three factors: affordability, accessibility, and adequacy, or in other words, quality services backed by qualified health professionals as well as appropriate equipment. As Japan is advocating universal health coverage to promote global health, she is privileged to be part of this effort.

Ambassador Yanagisawa also expressed her hope that the newly procured equipment will be used and maintained properly by the hospital staff. She kindly requested the Christian Health Association of Malawi to render necessary support to the Likuni Mission Hospital so that the Hospital will continue to serve the community.