

# Japanese Grant Aid

## The Project for the Re-construction and Expansion of Selected Community Day Secondary Schools and Conventional Secondary Schools (Phase III)

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**From left (top):** HE Yanagisawa with Hon Bright Msaka unveiling the school plaque and far right is a library  
**From left (bottom):** a science class in session and right is Hon Msaka with HE. Yanagisawa in one of the classrooms

On Friday, 9th November 2018, an official opening ceremony of the Community Day Secondary Schools (CDSSs) constructed under the Project for the Re-construction and Expansion of Selected Community Day Secondary Schools and Conventional Secondary Schools (Phase III) was held at Mwatibu Community Day Secondary School in Lilongwe.

This project aimed at improving infrastructure in nine (9) CDSSs and two (2) conventional secondary schools selected from eight districts in the country. In March 2014, the Government of Japan and Malawi signed an Exchange of Note, followed by a Grant Agreement between JICA and the Government of Malawi for a grant amounting to **JPY1.756 billion (equivalent of USD17.6 million)**. The project construction work, which involved replacing old facilities and adding new ones, began in November 2014 and was completed in May 2017. The project was implemented to meet the standard school facilities required by the Government of Malawi. Each school has the following facilities; classrooms, laboratory, an administration and library block, and toilets. In addition, a multi-purpose hall was constructed in most of the schools located in urban areas whilst teachers' houses and a borehole were constructed in most of the schools located in rural areas.

This is the phase III component of The Project for the Re-construction and Expansion of Selected Community Day Secondary Schools and Conventional Secondary Schools that started in 2010. The project has reached out to 23 CDSSs in 14 districts across the country, benefitting more than 16,000 students. In her remarks, Her Excellency Kae Yanagisawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi commended the efforts of all parties involved in the project, and also highlighted that Japan supports all levels of the education sector, particularly secondary education, in her remarks. Honourable Bright Msaka, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, graced the occasion and emphasized that the Government of Malawi is committed to improving the education sector.