

# Japanese Grant Aid

## The Project for the Improvement of Main Roads in the City of Lilongwe (detailed design) Exchange of Notes Signing Ceremony

9<sup>th</sup> October 2019



From left, Hon Joseph Mwanamvekha exchanging signed Exchange of Note with Her Excellency Kae Yanagisawa



From left, Hon. Joseph Mwanamvekha exchanging a signed Grant Agreement with Mr. Koichi Kito

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Her Excellency Kae Yanagisawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, and Honourable Joseph Mwanamvekha, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development signed the Exchange of Notes (E/N) for the implementation of a detailed design for the Project for the Improvement of Main Roads in the City of Lilongwe. The E/N signing was followed by the signing of the project's Grant Agreement between Mr. Koichi Kito, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Malawi, and Honourable Mwanamvekha. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Honourable Ralph Jooma, Minister of Transport and Public Works.

The Government of Japan, through JICA, will provide grant up to **JPY 80 million (equivalent of MK527.8 million)** to enable the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, to carry out detailed design of the project covering 2.75 km of the most congested section of the M1 Road in Old Town in Lilongwe. The outcomes of this exercise will determine the conditions necessary for tendering the construction works, including technical specifications, drawings, quantities and the actual project cost.

Speaking during the function, the Ambassador called on the Government of Malawi, particularly the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, to demonstrate clear ownership in the process of developing the detailed design. She also requested the Ministry to be proactive in coordinating with stakeholders in relocation of utilities and other facilities to pave the way for smooth project implementation.

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