

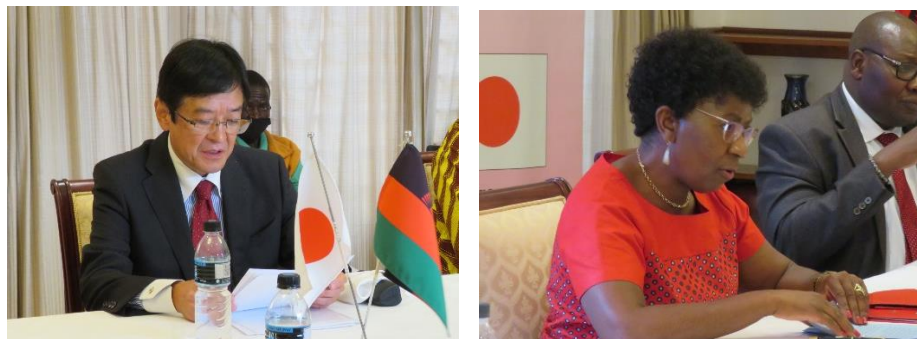
Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GRANT CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTANANCE OF CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL LEARNING FACILITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AT NYAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL, IN LILONGWE DISTRICT.

6th November, 2020



Ambassador Iwakiri and Ms. Marianne Chawo, project coordinator of Nyama Primary School, signing the grant contract with the witness of Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, Minister of Education and Hon. Kambauwa Wirima, Deputy Minister of Education



(Left) Ambassador Iwakiri giving a speech.

(Right) Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, Minister of Education, giving a speech.

On Friday, 6th November 2020, His Excellency Satoshi IWAKIRI, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi and Ms. Marianne Chawo, project coordinator at Nyama Primary School, **signed a grant contract amounting to (USD94,976) (approximately, K73,000,000)** for **“The Project for Construction and Maintenance of School Learning Facilities for Early Childhood Development at Nyama Primary School in Lilongwe District”** provided under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. Through this grant, Nyama Primary School will construct 5 classrooms – for primary and Early Childhood Development; Renovate 6 existing classrooms; Construct 11 toilets; and purchase desks for learners at the school. The function was graced by Hon. Agnes Nyalonje, Minister of Education and Honourable Madalitso Kambauwa Wirima M.P., Deputy Minister of Education.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri said, it is evident that it is in the early years that the fundamentals of children's emotional, intellectual, social and physical development are laid. The project, therefore aims at harnessing such fundamentals by removing some of the key challenges that affect the quality of learning for both ECD centres and primary schools.

The Ambassador further said the Government of Japan realizes that human resource development is the main driving force to steer Malawi into a self-reliant economy. Therefore quality education for the children is essential to that effect. He further urged the head teacher and the School Management Committee of Nyama Primary School to prudently utilise the funds and ensure that quality and strong structures are constructed for the longevity of the classrooms and safety of the learners.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects is a Japanese Government grant aid scheme introduced in 1989. The aim of the GGP is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organization and local government institutions for implementing projects at grassroots level. The GGP funding is a gift from the ordinary Japanese citizen to assist fellow global citizens in need.