

# Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTANANCE OF CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOL LEARNING FACILITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AT NYAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL, IN LILONGWE DISTRICT.**

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**



Ambassador Iwakiri (Left) and, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Einshower Mkaka (Right) laying a brick



Ambassador Iwakiri (Left) and Minister, Hon. Mkaka (Right) addressing a speech



Pupils of Nyama Primary School (Left) and Women from the community (Right) performing sings and dance



Introduction of the committee members for the Nyama Primary School Project

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020, His Excellency Satoshi Iwakiri, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, graced the ground breaking ceremony for the “**Construction and Maintenance of Classrooms and School Learning Facilities for Early Childhood Development at Nyama Primary School, in Lilongwe District**”. This Project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP), amounting to **USD94,976, (approximately MK70 Million)**. Through this grant, Nyama Primary School is going to construct 5 classrooms for primary and Early Childhood Development, Renovate 6 existing classrooms, construct 11 toilets, and purchase 280 desks for learners at the school. The function was graced by Hon. Einshower Mkaka, the Minister of Foreign Affairs who is also the Member of Parliament for the area.

The GGP 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.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri said, in order to realize the intention of the Japanese fund, there is need for prudence in the implementation of the project. He, therefore appealed to all stakeholders including governments both at central and local levels to take an active role to ensure that school structures are well- built and beautiful and that the school furniture to be procured should be of the required standard.

The Ambassador continued by commending the school management committee for their tireless effort to bring success to the project and he urged the committee to maintain the same commitment and desire. He further appealed to the community members to guard the project, urging them to report any suspicious behaviours around the project site to local authorities.