

# Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

## GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PAEDIATRIC WARD AT MULI BWANJI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, IN MANGOCHI DISTRICT.

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020



Mr. Hirotugu Ikeda, Deputy Head of the Embassy (Left) and His Lordship, Most Reverend Bishop Montfort Stima, Diocese of Mangochi (Right) laying a brick



Mr. Ikeda (Left) and Bishop Stima (Right) giving a speech



(Left) Senior Chief, Mr. Jalasi giving a speech  
(Right) Mr. Ikeda and invited guests touring the hospital



(Left) Staffs of Muli Bwanji Community Hospital performing dances.

(Right) People from the Community performing a dance that is the symbol of the colonial era



Mr. Ikeda joining a dance performed by the area chiefs

On Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Mr. Hirotsugu Ikeda, Deputy Head of the Embassy, inaugurated “***The Project for Construction of Paediatric Ward at Muli Bwanji Community Hospital, In Mangochi District***”. This Project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) with a grant amounting to about **67 million Malawi Kwacha (USD90,907)**. Through this grant, the hospital is going to construct a 104 beds paediatric ward. The function was graced by His Lordship, Most Reverend Bishop Montfort Stima of the Diocese of Mangochi.

The GGP is a Japanese Government’s grant aid scheme. 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.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Deputy Head of Mission applauded the hospital for the noble job of providing services not only to Malawians but also to people from neighboring countries. The generous action of the hospital also contributes to the international society. The action by the hospital is in line with the Government of Japan’s commitment to the UN agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to realise the world where ***no one is left behind***, through the grass-roots projects.

The Deputy Head of Mission continued by urging the contractor to do a very good job, saying sub-standard works will not only damage the reputation of the company, but also will tarnish the image of the Japanese government. He then encouraged the hospital management and the contractor to use the funds prudently and construct very good structures at the hospital.