

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LILONGWE YOUTH VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN LILONGWE CITY

17TH NOVEMBER, 2020



From Left, Ambassador Iwakiri, Hon. Jiya, Member of Parliament, Mr. Kumbambe, Principal Secretary of Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Chunga, Director of Lilongwe Youth Organisation and Mrs. Iwakiri, opening the newly constructed Lilongwe Youth Vocational Training Centre



Ambassador Iwakiri (Left) and PS of Ministry of Youth, Mr. Kumbambe, (Right) giving speeches



Director of Lilongwe Youth Organisation, Mr. Chunga introducing the newly constructed Vocational Training Centre to Ambassador Iwakiri, Mrs. Iwakiri, PS of Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mr. Kumbambe, other invited guests and medias



(Left) Youth from Kauma performing traditional dances (Right) Workshop Hall



(Left) Newly constructed three Classrooms
(Right) Signboard posted at the entrance of the Lilongwe Youth Vocational Training Centre

On Tuesday, 17th November 2020, His Excellency Satoshi Iwakiri, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, inaugurated **the Project for the Construction of Lilongwe Youth Vocational Training Centre** at Kauma Township in Lilongwe city. This ceremony was graced by Mr. Oliver Kumbambe, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture

In November 2019, the Government of Japan provided a grant amounting to **USD90,888 (approximately MK66,348,240)** under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects to Lilongwe Youth Organization for the Project for the Construction of Lilongwe Youth Vocational Training Centre. With the grant, Lilongwe Youth Organization has constructed one block consisting of an office and hall, a kitchen to be used for catering training as well as school cafeteria; one block with three learning rooms; six latrines (4 for girls and 2 for boys) and installed furniture and a water tank.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri said that this project will harness the potential of the youth of Kauma and beyond and turn that potential into real success that will not only propel the youth forward but the country as well. The centre will become a bridge to take many young people around Kauma and beyond, out of poverty to self-reliance.

Ambassador Iwakiri, further highlighted the need to build the capacity of the instructors and managers at the institution with the prerequisite knowledge and industry-oriented skills that will enable the youth to become relevant to the needs of the industry. He then appealed to the Ministries of Youth and Sports as well as Labor and other stakeholders to support the institution deliver on its objectives.

Ambassador Iwakiri continued by appealing to Lilongwe Youth Organization to utilize the facilities effectively for the development of the youth in Malawi.

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.