

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL LEARNING FACILITIES AND CLASSROOMS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AT NYAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LILONGWE DISTRICT

25th February, 2022



(Left) Ambassador Iwakiri cutting ribbon (Right) Ambassador handing over classroom's key



Ambassador (left) and Mrs. Chapomba, Chief Education Officer of Ministry of Education (right) giving a speech



(Left) Ambassador and other guests touring classrooms (Right) Children enjoying playground equipment



(Left) Pupils performing dance and song (Right) Group photo

On Friday, 25th February 2022, Ambassador Satoshi Iwakiri inaugurated the project for the Construction and Maintenance of Classrooms and School Learning Facilities for Early Childhood Development (ECD) at Nyama Primary School, in Lilongwe District, under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, amounting to Ninety Four thousand Nine hundred and Seventy Six US Dollars (USD94,976), (approximately Seventy million kwacha).

Through this grant, Nyama Primary School has constructed 5 classrooms – for primary (3) and ECD (2); renovated 6 existing classrooms; constructed 11 toilets; and purchased 270 desks for primary school learners and 13 desks and 100 tables for ECD learners at the school.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri said that education sector is one of the priority areas for the government of Japan in Malawi. Similarly, Malawi Government placed education, under Human Capital Development, as a key pillar in its vision *Malawi Vision 2063* (Mw2063). In the *Mw2063*, Malawi commits to give particular attention to the completion and attainment of quality foundational skills for school going children, especially girls. The constructed classroom blocks for ECD and Primary School will, therefore, help Malawi government to achieve its aspirations by providing the conducive learning environment to girls and boys at this school.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects is a Japanese Government grant aid scheme introduced in 1989 in order to respond to the diverse development needs in less developed countries. Its aim is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organization for implementing projects at grassroots level.