

# Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS AND WATER SUPPLY AT KARONGA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN KARONGA DISTRICT

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022



Mr. Ikeda, Deputy Ambassador unveiling a plaque



Mr. Ikeda giving a speech with sign language



Deputy minister of Education giving a speech



Mr. Ikeda and other guests touring classrooms



Mr. Ikeda and other guests touring facilities



Demo lesson by school

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Mr. Hirotsugu Ikeda, Deputy Ambassador of Japan, inaugurated the project for construction of classrooms and water supply at Karonga School for the Deaf in Karonga District, under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, amounting to approximately Seventy One million Six Hundred and Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Ten kwacha (K71,612,710).

Through this grant, the school has constructed 6 classrooms - two (2) for Primary school and four (4) for Early Child Development (ECD) Centre; installed solar powered borehole (potable water for boarding students), rehabilitated the existing water system, installed solar lighting for the classrooms and security lighting and purchased furniture for the classrooms. This project is a noble support from the people of Japan to the Children of Malawi.

Speaking during the ceremony, Mr. Ikeda underscored the Japanese government's support of similar initiatives in Malawi to ensure that "No one is left behind", in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pledge of "leaving no one behind". He said that through early hearing detection and intervention services (such as ECD education), children with hearing impairment can develop communication and school readiness abilities on par with children with normal hearing. This project, therefore, serve that very same purpose, setting the foundation for building a better Malawi.

*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.