

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PAEDIATRIC WARD AT MULI BWANJI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN MANGOCHI DISTRICT

19th May, 2022



Ambassador unveiling a plaque



Group photo with guests



Ambassador giving a speech



Bishop Stima giving a speech



Ambassador and other guests touring facilities





Local residents performing dance



Group photo

On Thursday, 19th May 2022, Mr. Satoshi Iwakiri, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, inaugurated the project for the construction of a paediatric ward at Muli Bwanji Community Hospital, in Mangochi District. The Most Reverend, Bishop Montfort Stima, Bishop of the Diocese of Mangochi of the Catholic Church graced the function.

The project was implemented with USD90,907 from the Embassy of Japan in Malawi under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. The fund amounted to MK70,362,018 in local currency. Through this grant, the Muli Bwanji Community Hospital constructed a 24 bed children's ward, equipped with solar powered electricity backup.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri underscored the Japanese government's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number three – “ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages”, an essential aspect to sustainable global development. He said the project proposal came at a time when the whole world, including Malawi, was in the midst of a deadly pandemic, the Covid 19 pandemic, and huge resources were pooled to this end. In spite of the pandemic, the Government of Japan pooled resources to support the construction of the children's ward.

Ambassador Iwakiri added that quality infrastructure, like the Muli Bwanji Community Hospital's new children's ward, is the right path that Malawi as a country, must take to achieve self-sustenance in future. In his concluding remarks, the Ambassador applauded the hospital management and the Diocese of Mangochi of the Catholic Church, for the noble job done of equipping the ward with high quality beds and equipment.

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.