

# Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THERERE HEALTH CENTRE IN CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022



Ambassador cutting a ribbon



Ambassador unveiling a plaque



Ambassador and other guests touring facilities



Group photo with guests



Ambassador giving a speech



Hon. Phale giving a speech



Hon. Mia giving a speech

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, His Excellency Satoshi Iwakiri, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, inaugurated the Therere Health Centre in Chikwawa District, which was constructed with funding from the Government of Japan. The Deputy Minister of Health, Honourable Enock Phale, the Member of Parliament (MP) and Minister of Water and Sanitation, Honourable Abida Mia, who is also the Member of Parliament for the Area graced the occasion.

Therere Health Centre has been constructed using a grant, under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme, amounting to Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Two US Dollars (USD90,532), approximately K71 million.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri reiterated that health is one of the key priority areas among Japan's development cooperation for African countries. He stressed the importance of establishing resilient health systems in African countries as COVID-19 pandemic revealed the necessity to enhance public health services delivery around the world particularly in developing countries including Malawi.

Ambassador Iwakiri also mentioned Malawi's attendance at this year's Tokyo International Conference on African Development, TICAD 8, which will take place in Tunisia. TICAD is the international conference that Japan has been hosting since 1993 to enhance development and increase business opportunities for both African countries and Japan.

In his concluding remarks, Ambassador applauded the MP for the Area, Hon. Abida Mia, Minister of Water and Sanitation, for her tireless and continuous effort to provide necessary health facility for the community. He also commended the Gift of the Givers for its excellent commitment and management to complete the project appropriately.

*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 organisation for implementing projects at grassroots level.