

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GRANT CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL LEARNING FACILITIES AT MSUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LILONGWE DISTRICT

21st OCTOBER 2022



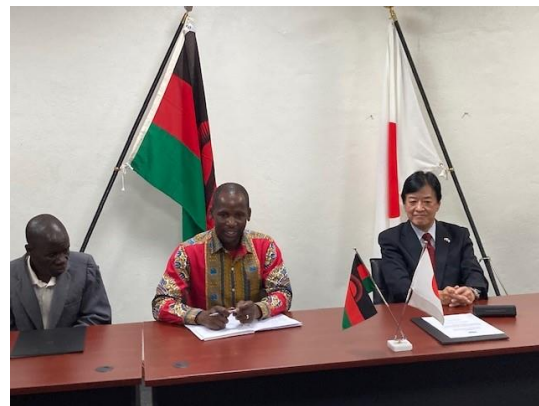
Head Teacher giving a speech



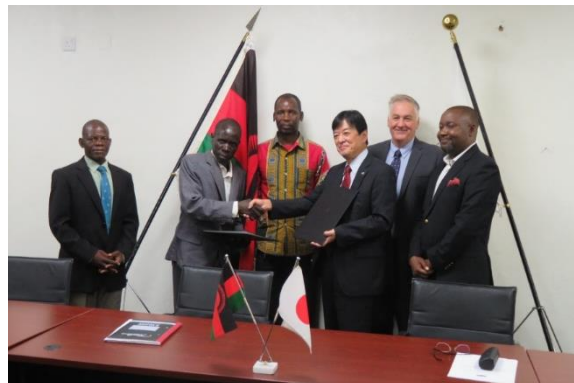
JTI Managing Director giving a speech



Ambassador giving a speech



Principle Education Officer giving a speech



Ambassador and SMC Chair exchanging grant contracts

On Friday, 21st October 2022, Ambassador Satoshi Iwakiri and Mr. Gift Galimoto, Chairperson for Msunga Primary School Management Committee, signed a grant contract amounting to USD63, 725.00 (approx. K65 million) under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) for implementation of a Project for Maintenance of School Learning Facilities at Msunga Primary School in Lilongwe District.

Msunga Primary School was established in 1978. Its catchment area has 76 villages with over 2,300 school going children. The current school infrastructure is inadequate as such, some children learn under trees, the school does not have enough toilets and teachers houses are not enough. This has resulted in high school dropout rate especially during the rainy and cold seasons.

The project aims at creating a conducive learning environment in order to motivate the learners to complete their primary school education, improve the pass rate and also reduce school dropout rate caused by poor learning facilities. Through this grant, the school will construct two classrooms, two toilets and a girls changing room.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri commended the school teachers and also the School Management Committee for being proactive in resource mobilisation to improve the learning environment. He described the project as special, for it compliments past investments that JTI Leaf Malawi, a Japanese tobacco company, has done at the school. As a way of curbing child labour around the school, the company has previously constructed classrooms, toilets, administration block and also electric water systems.

Ambassador Iwakiri called on the management of the school to take an active role in the project implementation and ensure that funds for the project are utilized as intended. He further appealed to the government both at central and at local level to provide the necessary support to the school to ensure that the project is successfully implemented. The grant signing ceremony was graced by Mr. Rabson Madi from the Directorate of Basic Education, Ministry of Education.

The Embassy of Japan in Malawi has been supporting a number of projects in health, education, women and youth empowerment sectors under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP). The GGP is a Japanese Government grant aid scheme introduced in 1989 in order to respond to the diverse development needs in less developed countries. The aim of is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organisation for implementing projects at grassroots level.