

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GIRL'S HOSTEL AND WATER FACILITY AT KATOWO COMMUNITY DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL (CDSS) IN RUMPHI DISTRICT

31st October 2022



The first lady and Ambassador touring the school



The first lady signing a visitors' book



Ambassador giving a speech



Hon. Chang'anamuno giving a speech



The first lady giving a speech



The first lady dancing with local people

On Monday, 31st October 2022, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, Satoshi Iwakiri, graced the inauguration of the New Girls Hostel and Water Facility at Katowo Community Day Secondary School (CDSS) in Rumphu District. Her Excellency Madam Monica Chakwera, the First Lady of the Republic of Malawi and Founder and Board Chairperson of the Shaping our Future Foundation (SOFF) and Deputy Minister of Education, Honourable Monica Chang'anamuno, MP also attended the function.

The girl's hostel with 80 beds and water facility has been constructed under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme, amounting to **USD116,035 (approx. K100 Million)**.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Iwakiri observed that in Malawi, community day secondary schools face significant challenges including poor infrastructure, lack of the teaching and learning materials and inadequate teaching personnel. He said it was his wish that Malawi makes concerted efforts to overcome these problems.

In his concluding remarks, the Ambassador commended Madame Monica Chakwera for her commitment to improving girls' education in Malawi, as evidenced by her efforts in getting this project completed.

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.