

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL LEARNING FACILITIES AT MSUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LILONGWE DISTRICT.

13th December, 2022



Mr. Tashiro, Deputy Chief of Mission, laying a brick



Mr. Tashiro giving a speech



Mr. Galimoto, SMC Chair giving a speech



Mr. Tashiro giving a speech



Learners performing dance and song



Mr. Tashiro and other guests touring facilities

On Tuesday, 13th December 2022, Mr. Seiji Tashiro, Deputy Chief of Mission, graced the ground breaking ceremony for the Project for Maintenance of School Learning Facilities at Msunga Primary School in Lilongwe District. The Project is funded by the Government of Japan, under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, amounting up to USD63,725. With this funding, the school will construct 2 classrooms, 2 toilets and a girls' changing room.

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 providing an appropriate learning environment through constructing more classrooms and improving the sanitary environment at the school. The project, upon completion, is expected to improve the quality of basic education in the area and increase the Msunga Primary School pass rate to secondary schools.

In his remarks, Mr. Tashiro acknowledged the efforts of a Japanese company, Japan Tobacco International, which has supported the community to improve the access to quality education and enhance the households as well as teachers and the School Management Committee have done. He further said "I hope the school facilities will be fully utilized for a long time and remembered as a symbol of the friendship between Japan and 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.