

Opening Ceremony of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Poster Exhibition 2026

On 9th March, Ambassador NAITO and the Guest of Honour, Mrs. Mary Kachale, Principal Secretary (Legal) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, officially opened the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Poster Exhibition 2026 at the Lilongwe City Council Chambers. The opening ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Lilongwe City, Councillor Peter Alex Banda, students and staff from Mkwichi Secondary School, members of the diplomatic corps, and Lilongwe City Council staff.

In his speech, Ambassador NAITO reminded the audience that through this tragedy, Japan continues to advocate for a world free of nuclear weapons.

At the end of the opening ceremony, students and staff from Mkwichi Secondary School were taught how to fold origami cranes as a remembrance of their visit to the exhibition, and as a reminder of the importance of a nuclear-free world and lasting peace.

The exhibition was open to the public from Monday, 9th March to Friday, 13th March 2026 at the Lilongwe City Council Chambers as a free event, and visited by 140 people.

Ambassadors speech: <https://www.mw.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100991430.pdf>



Speech by Ambassador Naito



With Mrs. Kachele, PS and His Worship Banda



Ambassador Naito explaining the posters



Mkwichi Secondary School students



Origami