

**Remarks by NAITO Yasushi, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi at the
Graduation Ceremony of Nalikule College of Education on 27th
March, 2026**

- The Guest of Honor, Hon. Bright Msaka, SC, Minister of Education, Science and Technology,
- Prof. Samson Sajidu, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malawi,
- Dr. Elizabeth Selemani Meke, Principal, Nalikule College of Education,
- Dr. Ken Ndala, Secretary for Education,
- Teachers and Professors,
- Students and Graduates,

Good morning,

My name is NAITO Yasushi, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi. Thank you for inviting me to join you in celebrating this great day, and for giving me the opportunity to say a few words, following the kind invitation of the Honorable Minister.

Honorable Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of Japan, I wish to express my congratulations to all of you who have worked hard and are graduating today from Nalikule College of Education. Congratulations!

Most of you will be spread across Malawi, teaching students at secondary schools. From our own experience of economic development in Japan, the importance of education for economic growth cannot be overemphasized.

That is why JICA has been providing technical assistance to Nalikule College of Education, together with Fukui University, one of signature universities in Japan for Education.

This year marks the 55th anniversary since Japan dispatched JICA Overseas Volunteers to Malawi. Through their interactions, we have seen the strong willingness of secondary school students to learn, as well as the strong ownership and support of parents and local communities. The extent of this commitment, despite challenging learning environments, is amazing.

As you begin teaching secondary school learners, your leadership and guidance can inspire students and make a real difference. Thus, the future of Malawi is in your hands.

Japan remains committed to continuing our effort in educational cooperation, in close collaboration with the Government of Malawi.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation!

Zikomo Kwambiri.

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