

Inauguration Ceremony of the Lilongwe Bridge

On 12th February 2026, the Government of Japan handed over the Lilongwe Bridge to the Government of Malawi during the inauguration ceremony held in Lilongwe, marking a significant milestone in improving access and infrastructure in the city.

At a cost of USD 22 million, the construction and widening of a 2.8 km section of the M001 Road in Lilongwe, will significantly improve the road conditions, reduce travel time, and enhance road safety.

The ceremony was attended by Honourable Jappie Chancy Mtuwa Mhango, Minister of Transport and Public Works of the Republic of Malawi, and Mr. IMAFUKU, Director-General of the African Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The Minister of Transport and Public Works commended the Government of Japan and JICA for its continued support. He described the completion of the project as yet another milestone in the development of Malawi, particularly for the city of Lilongwe.

In his remarks, the Director-General of the African Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, highlighted that the bridge was constructed using Japan's long-accumulated technology and experience. Emphasizing safety and durability, he noted that the bridge was built to ensure it can be used with confidence for many years to come. He added that the project embodies Japan's trust in and expectations for Malawi's future.

The Project for the Improvement of the Main Roads in the City of Lilongwe represents a historic moment, symbolizing the long-standing and cordial bilateral relations between Japan and Malawi.

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