Malawi National Day

Safe, secure and profitable for investment

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Today marks 52 years since Malawi attained independence from Britain and it is my greatest pleasure to convev warmest



greetings from the President of the Republic of Malawi His Excellency Arthur Peter Mutharika to their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the people of Japan.

Malawi as a country continues to encourage peaceful coexistence with respect for human rights and rule of law, as well as democratic principles that support full human participation in all social causes affecting humanity.

Economy

This year's theme for Malawi is "Towards Recovery and Sustainable Socioeconomic Development." Agriculture is the lifeblood of the economy of Malawi, accounting for about 30 percent of GDP. Heavy rains. floods and drought have adversely affected the performance of Malawi's economy in the last year.

To mitigate this, Malawi has enhanced the Green Belt Initiative by creating the Green Belt Authority (GBA) as a standalone public agency. The GBA will be the official agent for the construction of large-scale irrigation infrastructure projects throughout the country in line with the National Irrigation Master Plan.

The purpose of the initiative is to create wealth through increased agricultural production and productivity, enterprise development and increased exports. The initiative has seven major components: crops, livestock and fisheries development: infrastructure development and rehabilitation: land administration: environmental management; technology development



al markets.

labor costs.

policy to ensure that investors

find it easy to do business and

open their activities in the safe

and reliable investment desti-

nation of Malawi. This includes

eliminating excessive bureau-

cracy, and loosening interna-

tional trade restrictions. To this

end Malawi has introduced the

One Stop Service Centre that

houses the Department of Im-

migration, Malawi Revenue Au-

thority. Ministry of Lands and the Registrar of Companies to

facilitate the essential services

of registering a business and ob-

taining the necessary permits

Additionally, the country is

Malawi is landlocked and

transport and infrastructure is

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al development: capacity build-

profitable free-market economy, strategically located between Zambia. Tanzania and Mozambique. The country is well positioned to act as a global export base in an increasing-



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and dissemination of institutioning; and agro-processing and marketing development.

Trade and investment

Malawi is a safe, sensible and

impact on economic growth and development. The Nacala Corridor project is an important infrastructure project for ly competitive market, where access to raw materials and time Malawi, as it would link the to market is crucial in maintaincountry to regional getaways ing a global supply chain. and ports. More crucial to Ma-Market access from Malawi is lawi is the development of the guaranteed as the country is sig-Shire-Zambezi Waterway Project (dredging and realigning natory to a number of agreements that ensure duty-free work). This project will open a access into regional internationwaterway passage from Nsanje, in the south of Malawi, to Malawi's low cost of doing the Zambezi River in Mozambusiness is a notable asset parbique that would continue all ticularly when considering the way to the Indian Ocean. The route would become an Malawi continues to institute import and export route and a number of reforms in its fiscal would significantly reduce the

vital to Malawi as this has an

transport costs of commodities in and out of Malawi.

Relationship with Japan

Malawi cherishes her relationship with Japan that dates back to 1964. These relations will be solidified by the president of Malawi's attendance at the sixth Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD VI), which is taking place in Nairobi in August, and where the Japanese prime minister will meet African heads of state to further forge and solidify their relationships.

Malawi continues to enjoy support from Japan on its development agenda for which Ma-

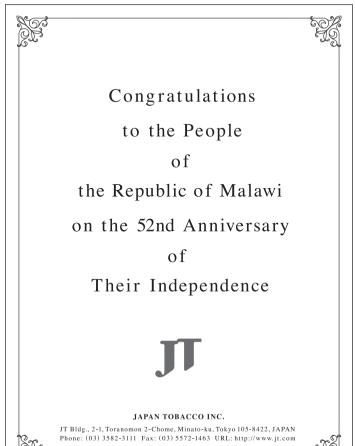


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like to take this opportunity to message. Arigatou gozaimasu.

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