

# Malawi National Day Special

## Ongoing cooperation continues to strengthen friendly ties

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AMBASSADOR OF MALAWI



It has been 58 years since the most significant event in the history of our country took place. Today, we celebrate the freedom and dignity that our forefathers proclaimed for our nation to chart

its own course.

As we commemorate this auspicious day, it is gratifying to note that diplomatic relations between Malawi and Japan have grown to greater heights since our country's independence in 1964.

Malawi and Japan share a common desire for peace and progress for all humanity, and our historic relations have been instrumental in enhancing the drive toward the path of peace and prosperity.

At the bilateral level, our ties remain strong and our spheres of cooperation continue to expand. We are highly appreciative to the government of Japan for the support rendered in the areas of agriculture, energy, education, infrastructure development, health and capacity-building, among others.

The developmental support that we continue to receive from Japan is contributing immensely to the realization of Malawi's aspirations as enshrined in Malawi Vision 2063. We aim to become an inclusively wealthy and self-reliant nation through a policy comprising three pillars. These are agricultural productivity and commercialization, industrialization, and urbanization. These pillars are supported by seven enablers: mindset change, an effective governance system, public-sector performance, private-sector dynamism, and the development of human capital, economic infrastructure and environmental sustainability.

It is our expectation that developmental assistance from the government of Japan will continue for the realization of our developmental aspirations.

We are also privileged to be the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers program's top aid recipient since it commenced in 1971. JOCV's capacity-building and technical assistance have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless Malawians.

At the multilateral level, Japan continues

to play a key role in socioeconomic development, peace and security through the framework of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development.

The issues of economic transformation, infrastructure development, universal health coverage, climate change and disaster-risk management, as well as the future of peace and security and our women and youth remain critically important for Africa, as they are aligned to the African Union 2063

Agenda and the 2030 United Nations sustainable development goals.

We are hopeful that the upcoming TICAD 8 summit will be a great success and build on the strong foundations that have existed since its commencement in 1993.

It is our firm belief that our cooperation and partnership with the government of Japan will continue to grow from strength, on the basis of our shared interests and mutual trust.



**Left: Liwonde National Park is home to a wide variety of animals. Right: Mbiya pool is a natural rock formation on Mount Mulanje, the tallest peak in Malawi.**

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