

# Malawi National Day Special

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July 6 holds immense significance for the people of the Republic of Malawi. It is a day when we remember how our forefathers grew weary of colonial oppression and demanded

their freedom — freedom that was earned through blood, sacrifice and unwavering resolve. A new nation was indeed born from the shackles of colonization: a sovereign, peaceful and proud Malawi.

This year, we celebrate 61 years of independence under the national theme of “Restoring Broken Foundations: Taking Malawi Forward.” This theme calls on all Malawians to reflect with sincerity on the progress we have made, the challenges we still face, and the bold actions required to rebuild and advance our nation. As we strive to implement Malawi 2063 — our national vision to become an inclusively wealthy, self-reliant and industrialized country — this moment serves as both a commemoration and a call to action.

On this journey, Japan has stood with us as a true and trusted friend. Through generous official development assistance, the Japanese people have supported Malawi in vital areas such as health care, education, infrastructure, agriculture and human resource development. We are especially honored to be the largest recipient of technical support through the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

This year’s celebration coincides with Malawi’s participation in the Osaka Expo, where we proudly showcase the potential and beauty of the Warm Heart of Africa. Our pavilion introduces visitors to Lake Malawi and to our dynamic development agenda known as the ATM Strategy, which

places agriculture, tourism and mining at the center of our transformation.

We were deeply honored to welcome Her Imperial Highness Princess Aiko of Japan to the Malawi Pavilion on May 8. Her gracious visit was a historic moment for us, and her warm interaction with our team was a touching reflection of the deep friendship that unites our peoples. It was a proud reminder that Malawi-Japan relations go beyond diplomacy — they are personal, enduring and rooted in mutual goodwill.

Looking ahead, Malawi eagerly antici-

pates the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development to be held in Yokohama in August. TICAD has long served as a key platform for Africa-Japan cooperation. This year, Malawi will spotlight strategic investment opportunities in agribusiness, renewable energy, digital innovation and skills development, while reaffirming our commitment to sustainable and inclusive growth.

As we mark this milestone, I extend, on behalf of the government and people of Malawi, our appreciation to the government


and people of Japan. Your consistent support, enduring friendship and partnership in development are valued. Japan’s generosity has helped shape the lives of countless Malawians, and we shall remain grateful.

Malawi cherishes its strong partnership with Japan, and as we look to the future, we are committed to strengthening this relationship for the benefit of our peoples. We invite our Japanese friends to continue walking with us — as investors, volunteers, tourists and partners — as we build a future of shared prosperity.




The Kaya Mawa Lodge offers stunning views of Lake Malawi. MALAWI TOURISM

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