

# Malawi National Day Special

## Ties built on friendship, cooperation

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This year's commemoration of the 62nd independence anniversary of the Republic of Malawi presents an opportune time to reflect on the long-standing friendship and cooperation

between Malawi and Japan.

Among the most remarkable aspects of this partnership are the people-to-people connections fostered through the Japan International Cooperation Agency's overseas volunteers. The fact that Malawi remains the most popular destination for JICA volunteers speaks volumes about the warmth, hospitality and openness of the Malawian people. Over the years, countless Malawians have interacted with JICA volunteers who work at the grassroots level to address social and developmental challenges.

We are equally grateful for the contin-

ued development support provided by the government and people of Japan. This year, Japan handed over the \$22 million Lilongwe Bridge to Malawi, a landmark project that stands as a testament to the long-standing cordial relations between our countries. In practical terms, the bridge has significantly improved connectivity and infrastructure within our capital city. Symbolically, it is more than a physical structure; it represents connection, unity, cooperation and progress.

Since 2021, we have focused on the implementation of the Malawi 2063, our ambitious long-term development blueprint aimed at transforming the country into a self-reliant, industrialized upper-middle-income economy. Central to this vision are three key pillars: agricultural productivity and commercialization, industrialization, and urbanization. These pillars form the foundation for sustainable economic growth and structural transformation.

Malawi offers significant opportunities across agriculture, mining, manufacturing, energy, infrastructure, tourism and the digital economy. Additionally, Malawi has a skilled and productive workforce, political



**Japanese and Malawian government officials take part in the Lilongwe Bridge handover ceremony on Feb. 12 in the capital.**

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and economic stability and is known for being a safe and secure location for both business and family life.

As Malawi celebrates 62 years of independence, we express our sincere appreciation to Japan for the friendship and support.

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## Congratulations

on the Anniversary of the Independence of  
the Republic of Malawi



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to the People  
of  
the Republic of Malawi  
on the Occasion  
of  
Their Independence Day



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