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## Japan Supports Girls' Education in Nakasongola

The Embassy of Japan will commission a newly constructed and fully furnished girls dormitory block at Lwabiyata Seed Secondary School in Nakasongola District on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. "The Project for the Construction of a Girls' Dormitory Block at Lwabiyata Seed Secondary School in Nakasongola District" was signed between the Embassy of Japan and Lwabiyata Seed Secondary School on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 with a total grant of USD 96,059 equivalent to over 302 million Ug. Shs.

The Deputy Head of Mission of Japan to Uganda, Mr. Horii Mizumoto, will officiate the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

Lwabiyata Seed Secondary School was established in 2007 and is located in an area adjacent to a landing site for fishermen. At the beginning of the project, the school had over 700 students, 150 girls out of whom wished to but did not have appropriate accommodation. Some girls even had to sleep in the book store while others had to ride on bicycles for as long as 15km to access the school from home.

As a response to this challenge, the Embassy of Japan supported the school to construct and furnish a girls' dormitory, a fence, steel gate, latrine and bathroom block with a solar PV system.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to fund community development projects which uplift the life of people at the grassroots level. So far, a total of 261 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

Japan, steadily promoting ownership of and partnership with African countries through Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process, is committed to assisting the countries' efforts for boosting economic growth, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and consolidating peace and good governance in Africa.