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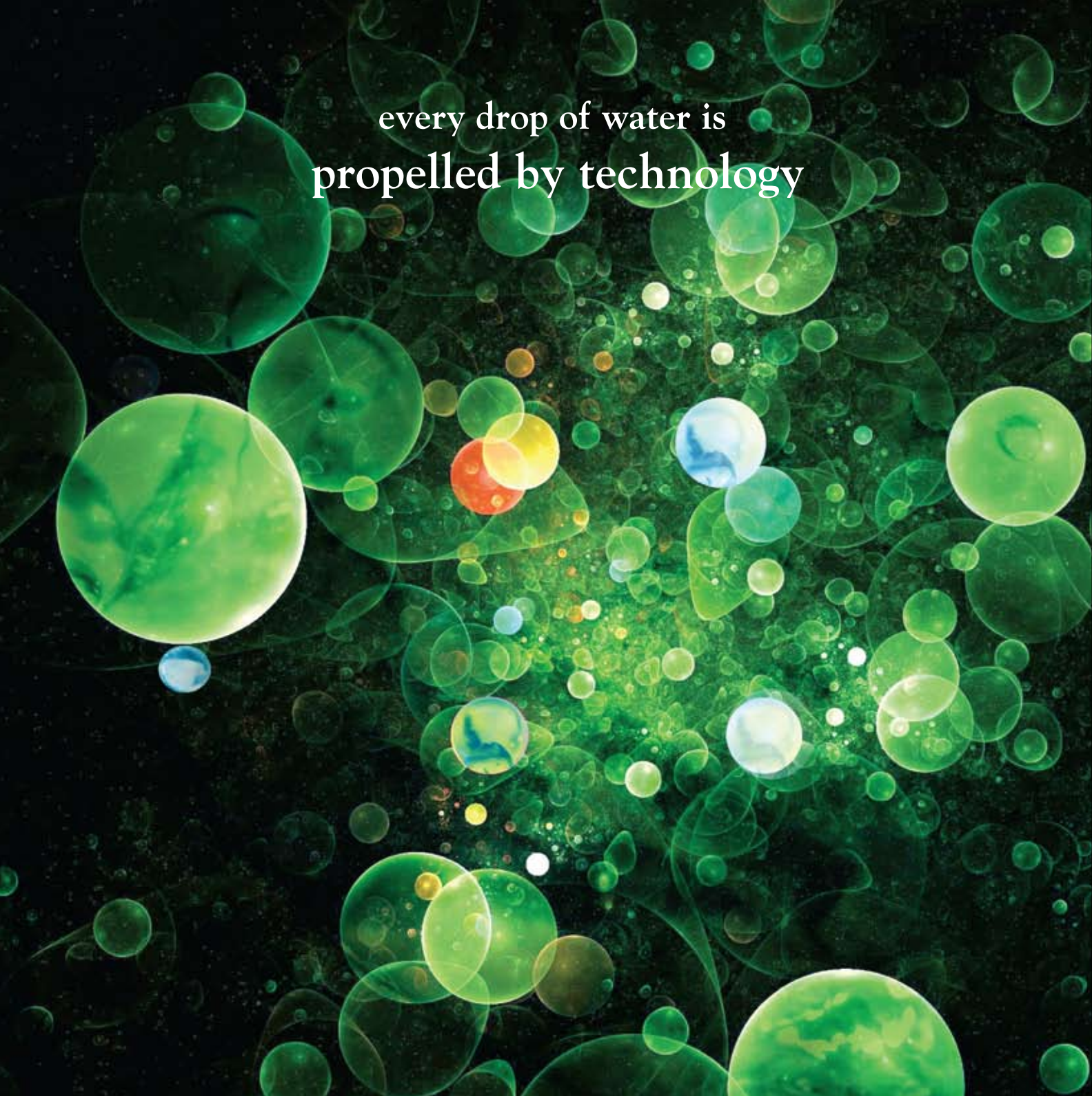
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MALAWI GATE OPENER



Official Name:	Republic of Malawi
Head of State:	H.E. President Mrs. Joyce Banda
Vice President :	Rt. Hon. Khumbo Kachali
Capital City:	Lilongwe
Area:	118,484 sq km
Location:	Southern Africa, bordered by Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania
Population:	15,028,757 (July 2010 est.)
Government Type:	Multi-party democracy
Branches:	
<i>Executive</i>	President (the president is both chief of state and head of government)
<i>Legislature</i>	Unicameral National Assembly (193 members)
<i>Judiciary</i>	High Court, Supreme Court of Appeal, subordinate Magistrate Courts
Independence:	6 July 1964
Languages:	Chichewa, Chiyao Chitumbuka, Chisena Chilomwe Chitonga and English which is the official language
Religions:	Christianity, Islam and others
Natural Resources:	Limestone, arable land, hydropower, uranium, coal, and bauxite
GDP (PPP):	US\$13.51 billion (2010 est.)
GDP Growth:	6.7% (2010)
Inflation:	7.5% (2010)
Main Exports:	Tobacco 53%, tea, sugar, cotton, coffee, peanuts, wood products, apparel
Main Imports:	Petroleum products, semi manufactures, consumer goods, transportation equipment



Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda First Female President of Malawi

On 7 April 2012 history was made in Malawi when the Vice-President, Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda, was sworn in as Malawi's first female President following the death of President Bingu wa Mutharika on 5 April 2012. Her ascendancy to the highest office in the land was not a surprise to the people of Malawi because of her outstanding contributions to the development and welfare of Malawians for over two decades.

In 1990, Her Excellency founded the National Association of Business Women (NABW), whose aim was to uplift women out of poverty by strengthening their capacity and empowering them economically. NABW is a social network of 30,000 women, dedicated to supporting women's businesses and supporting women that want to participate in business. Its activities include business training, technical training, and management skills training. Prior to this she owned and established several business ventures and it was the experience gained in this that motivated and inspired her to champion the cause of her fellow women by launching NABW to help them achieve financial



Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda, President of Malawi



independence and break the cycles of abuse and poverty.

Her Excellency's unquenchable desire of wanting to do more in support of the needy inspired her to establish the Joyce Banda Foundation, an organization whose aim was to provide education to needy children and orphans. The Foundation comprising a Primary School and a Secondary School is located in the commercial city of Blantyre. The Foundation runs an orphan care center; assists the surrounding villages by providing micro-credit to women and youth groups; provides free seeds to over 10,000 farmers; and assists in rural development. The Foundation has also constructed clinics in the 200 villages it assists; and collaborates with other international foundation bodies which assist the Joyce Banda Foundation in implementing some of the charitable initiatives and programmes.

President Joyce Banda is also the founder of the Young Women Leaders Network and the Hunger Project in Malawi. In 1997, Her Excellency and the former President of Mozambique, His Excellency Joaquim Chissano, were the 1997 Africa Prize winners of the Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger by the Hunger Project, a New York-based non-governmental organization. In 2006, in recognition of her dedication to the rights of women in Malawi, Her Excellency the President received the International Award for the Health and Dignity of Women given by the Americans for United Nations Population Fund (Americans for UNFPA), an organization which supports health and dignity of women in the world.

President Joyce Banda served as commissioner for Bridging a World Divided alongside personalities such as Bishop Desmond Tutu and United Nations Human Rights Commissioner, Mary Robinson. She was also a member of the Advisory Board for Education in Washington DC, and on the Advisory Board for the Federation of World Peace and Love in Taiwan.

In 2010, Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda became a member of the Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health, a group of sixteen sitting and former heads of state, high-level policymakers and other leaders committed to advancing reproductive health for lasting development and prosperity and chaired by former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson. The council's agenda is to mobilize the political will and financial resources necessary to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015 which is one of the key targets of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In 2004 she won a parliamentary seat in Zomba-Malosa constituency in her home district in Malawi's third democratic election. She was appointed Minister for Gender and Community Services. As minister, she fought hard to have parliament enact the Domestic Violence Bill, which had failed for seven years previously. She designed the National Platform for Action on Orphans and Vulnerable Children and the Zero Tolerance Campaign against Child Abuse.

Her Excellency was later appointed Minister of Foreign

Affairs in 2006. She was at the helm of the ministry when Malawi established diplomatic relations with China.

In the general elections of 2009, she ran for both the parliamentary seat in her constituency and as the vice-presidential candidate alongside the late President Bingu wa Mutharika, who was the presidential candidate. She won the parliamentary seat but as Vice-President she had to relinquish her seat to take her post as Malawi's first female Vice-President.

Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda, the President of the Republic of Malawi received numerous awards for her outstanding achievements both at national and international levels as follows:

National Awards

- Woman of the Year, Malawi, 1997
- Woman of the Year, Malawi, 1998
- Nyasa Times Multimedia Person of the Year 2010

International Awards

- Women of Substance Award, 2010, African Women Development Fund
- Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger, 1997, Hunger Project of New York
- International Award for Entrepreneurship Development 1998, Africa Federation of Women Entrepreneurs and Economic Commission for Africa
- 100 Heroines Award 1998, Rochester, New York
- Certificate of Honours 2001, Federation of World Peace and Love, Taiwan, Republic of China. ■





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Tributes to Late President Prof Bingu wa Mutharika from India



Hon. Preeti Kaur, Minister of State, External Affairs, India Signing Condolence book in presence of Malawi High Commissioner to India, Dr. C.C. Mughogho

President Bingu wa Mutharika died in Lilongwe on 5 April 2012 after suffering from a cardiac arrest. His successor Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda, President of Malawi led the Malawi nation in mourning the late President of Malawi. The Malawi High Commission joined Her Excellency President Joyce Banda and the entire nation in mourning the President. The Mission opened a condolence book at the Chancery on 10, 11, 12 April to allow well wishers to send their condolences to the bereaved family, the President and the people of Malawi.

Below are some of the many condolence messages recorded in the condolence book:

Hon Preeti Kaur

Minister of State, External Affairs, India

On behalf of the Government and the people of India and on my own behalf, I wish to convey our deep sorrow and sadness on the passing away of H.E. President Bingu wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi.

Malawi indeed has lost a leader of stature whose contributions to the development of Malawi will ever be remembered. President Mutharika's was associated with India since 1960's, laid the foundation for a long partnership between our two countries.

We hope, the people and the Government of Malawi will be able to bear this great loss with fortitude and equanimity.



Tributes to late President

Jonathan Wutawunashe

Zimbabwe High Commissioner to India and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in India

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of a truly great visionary born and bred African on African soil, blessed with a true African heart, a powerful Afro-centric intellect and a sincere human soul. His Excellency Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika cannot be owned or claimed by Malawi alone, but by all of us who were inspired, and continue to be inspired, by his principled focus on what is good for the people, even in the face of harsh, motivated assaults by forces who want Africa to be an instrumentality for their predatory interests in perpetuity. H.E. Prof. Mutharika demonstrated what we can do for ourselves if we make our own decisions, pursue them with unflinching determination and ignore naysayers who have no real love for the African. He showed us what a good father does by bringing food to an African Village from an African field tended by Africans. This is an inheritance we must keep and invest in. H.E. Mutharika shattered myths peddled by the purveyors of detached theories, and threw light on the brittleness of received formulae for which metropolitan pranksters wished to make Africa both laboratory and guinea-pig. In offering condolences to the Government and people of the sister Republic of Malawi and to the bereaved family, we place on tearful record that we too are weeping, as we are irreplaceably bereaved.

Prof. Daleep Singh

Former Head of African Studies Dept. University of Delhi and teacher of late President Bingu Wa Mutharika when he was studying at Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi

I shall always remember my brother brilliant student who became an eminent statesman and the Head of Malawi State. My heartfelt condolences on the passing away of my dear friend and beloved statesman of Malawi. He was doing a lot for his country. My heartfelt condolences to the family. May God give the family and countrymen strength to bear this big loss.

Bernard O. Yirenryi

President of the Association of African Students in India

On behalf of the Association of African Students in India (A.S.S.I), I will like to say a very big thanks to His Excellency Late Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika for his magnanimity work good foundation he started for the new generation in New Delhi and India as a whole.

On behalf of the Association, I will like to once again convey our heartfelt condolences to the family members of the Late President, Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika. And also to the entire people of Malawi. In one accord we say may the good Lord grant you perfect rest.

Once again, we say thank you Your Excellency for your noble service on Earth.

Rajendra K. Saboo

Past President of Rotary International

Malawi is a great country we from Rotary had privilege of visiting last year on a humanitarian program of medical mission. We offer our sincere condolence to the Government and people of Malawi in their loss of great President. We express our deep sympathy and share the sorrow of bereavement and the national loss.

We pray for strength to the people of Malawi to bear this ordeal with fortitude. May the departed soul rest in peace and may the people of Malawi continue to be in prosperity and progress. Long live the people of the great country.



Tributes to late President

Ashwani Mittal

President of the College Student Union at SRCC in 1960. New Delhi-Batch Mates of late President Bingu wa Mutharika

The loss of our friend B.W.R. Thom and now known as Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika was a shock to all of us. It appears that even God needs good people to come to him early. We all classmates of the class of 1958-61 at SRCC Delhi will always remember him as a philosopher friend. May God bless the departed soul and give peace.

Dr. Samuel K. Mbambo

High Commissioner of Namibia in India

On behalf of H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, and the entire people of the Republic of Namibia, I wish to express our sincere condolence on the passing on of your beloved late President H.E. Dr. Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika who left the Malawian people and the African continent unexpectedly. For Namibia, as a sister and neighbouring country, Prof Bingu wa Mutharika was a shining star. We will always remember him as someone who believed in the ability and capability of his people.

God Bless Malawi, God bless Africa

Ambassador Osebola Kuku

High Commissioner of Nigeria in India

On behalf of the government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I have the honour to extend to the Government and people of the Republic of Malawi, our heartfelt condolence on the death of His Excellency Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika, President of Malawi.

He was an outstanding statesman, a brilliant and committed African leader. Personally, I knew him when he was in the ECA in Addis Ababa. I also knew him when he was Secretary-General of the PTA in Lusaka, which transformed to COMESA.

He will be sadly missed by all his friends all over the world. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

K.N. Chaturvedi

Vasant Kunj, New Delhi in India

On my behalf, I hereby express our deep condolences to family of H.E. Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika for his unfortunate sudden demise. May his soul rest in peace.

I had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him during my stay in Malawi during 1998 through 2011. He was a highly knowledgeable and a great man, I had the pleasure to know.

I would deeply remember him and cherish all the memories I had of him.

V. Namgyel

Ambassador of Bhutan in India

My colleagues and I at the Royal Bhutanese Embassy express our deep sorrow on the untimely demise of His Excellency Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi. On behalf of the Government and people of Bhutan, I would like to convey our deep condolences to the Government and People of the Republic of Malawi for the loss of a great leader and statesman. I would also like to convey our deep condolences to the family of His Excellency the President for their great personal loss.



Tributes to late President

Cuba

Abelando Gueto Sose
Ambassador of Cuba in India

With deep sorrow we received the news of the sad demise of the President, His Excellency Bingu wa Mutharika, the beloved leader of Malawi.

The loss is immense but the example, teachings and the lessons of the life of His Excellency Bingu wa Mutharika will always be a source of inspiration and example to follow for the noble people of Malawi.

Our heartfelt condolences for the Government and the people of Malawi.

H.E. Audre SANRA

Ambassador of Benin in India

In Africa, in this case, we say that "A Big tree has fallen down". Yes, A big democrat has gone. Condolences of all the staff of Benin, Embassy to the Embassy of Malawi. May God accept Him in his Kingdom and help his family and his People to continue what he started.

Mahbub Hassan Saleh

Acting High Commissioner for Bangladesh in India

We are saddened at the sudden demise of H.E. Ngwazi Professor Bingu wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi on 05 April 2012. On behalf of the people and the government of Bangladesh, we express our sincere condolence to the people and the government of Malawi and to the members of the bereaved family. We pray for the salvation of the departed soul. May his immortal soul rest in eternal peace. Our sympathy is always with you.

Ambassador Susan Sikaneta

High Commissioner of Zambia in India

On behalf of the President of the Republic of Zambia, H.E. Mr. Michael Chilufya Sata, the Government and people of Zambia and on behalf of the Diplomatic staff at the Zambia High Commission in New Delhi, indeed, on my own behalf, I would like to convey heartfelt condolences to Your Excellency and to the Government and people of Malawi, on the tragic passing away on 5th April of President Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika, President of Malawi. The Late President lived and worked a good part of his life in Zambia and he became part of us. As President of Malawi, he was also our Leader in SADC and COMESA and the AU. His service to mankind shall always be remembered and appreciated. He shall surely greatly be missed not only in Malawi but in Zambia and the entire continent of Africa.

Ambassador Eng. John W.H. Kijazi

High Commissioner of the United Republic of Tanzania in India

The Government and People of the United Republic of Tanzania have received great shock and deep sorrow the sad news on the sudden demise of the President of Malawi, H.E. Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika. The People of Tanzania are together with their brothers and sisters of Malawi in this difficult period of mourning. Please accept our deepest condolences on this tragic loss.

May Almighty God rest his soul in eternal peace.



From the High Commissioner's Desk



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India

In this special issue of the newsletter of the Malawi High Commission in New Delhi, we congratulate Her Excellency Mrs. Joyce Banda for ascending to the Highest Office of President of the Republic of Malawi. Her Excellency President Joyce Banda is not only the first female President of Malawi, and second female President on the African continent (after President Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia) but also is an outstanding achiever in many spheres of development. We have highlighted some of her achievements made over the past two decades.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Right Honourable Khumbo Kachale on his appointment as Vice-President of the Republic of Malawi.

We have also included in this issue some of the condolence messages from India on the sad demise of the late President Prof Bingu wa Mutharika.

The newsletter also focuses on some of the major activities of the Mission in India over the past twelve months. The Mission has witnessed unprecedented collaboration between Malawi and India in healthcare. There has also been a steady increase in the India-Malawi bilateral activities following the successful state visit to India of the late President Professor Bingu wa Mutharika in November 2010.

India-Malawi collaboration in healthcare saves lives

India is one of the few countries in the world that has a robust healthcare sector with many state-of-the-art private and public hospitals. Indian hospitals have over the years become specialized in cardiology, oncology, kidney, lung diseases, among others. In recent years Malawi patients have been coming to India for medical

treatment for such ailments. Most of these patients have mostly been those that are either under the Medical Aid Society of Malawi scheme (MASM) or those that have their own means to foot their medical bills in India. The cost of medical treatment in India is affordable compared to same medical facilities found in South Africa where Malawi patients are usually referred to. Despite treatment being affordable, it is still considered very expensive for poor people who do not have medical insurance or other means to access such treatment. It is against this background that the Rotary International Club of Chandigarh in India offered to treat twenty children aged 2 -14 years of congenital heart disease from Malawi. These children were referred to Fortis Hospital in Chandigarh where doctors performed corrective heart surgeries for free under the club's Heartline Project. These children, who were mostly from under-privileged families, were identified by the Lilongwe Rotary Club in conjunction with the Ministry of Health in Malawi.

I had the opportunity to visit and cheer these children who came to India with their parents or guardians in Chandigarh in March where doctors performed successful operations for various heart problems in the month of February 2012. I was delighted to see parents and guardians beaming with smiles after successful operations carried out on their children. On behalf of the Malawi Government, I would like to thank the Chandigarh Rotary Club for the noble task and kind gesture extended to under privileged children in Malawi. In a special way, I would like to convey my gratitude to Mrs. Neena Singh, President of Chandigarh Rotary Club, for leading the Heartline Project. In particular I would like to commend Mr. Saboo, the Past President of Rotary International for initiating this humanitarian programme in Malawi.



It is also gratifying to note that apart from assisting the children, the Chandigarh Rotary Club has also extended its humanitarian programme by embarking on a project which will facilitate the short-term attachment to Fortis Hospitals in India of ten medical doctors from Malawi. The doctors will undergo training to equip them with new skills in the field of cardiology, oncology, dialysis and accident emergencies. Again, this gesture deserves our commendation.

Under the broad Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on health signed between Malawi and India, Malawi has already started referring some of her patients to some specialized hospitals in India for various ailments. Some of these patients are government funded while others are either funded by MASM or privately funded.

Meanwhile, prospects are good for establishing collaboration between the Ministry of Health, MASM and other private hospitals in Malawi on one hand and different medical institutions in India on the other.

In line with the Malawi Government priorities as provided for in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy, the Ministry of Health will soon post a medical attaché to Malawi High Commission in New Delhi who will be responsible for coordinating and facilitating patients referred to Indian hospitals from Malawi.

The above initiatives will augment the tele-medicine project which was made available to Malawi by the Indian Government under the Pan-Africa e-Network Project. Under this programme, medical doctors at Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe are linked to speciality hospitals in India and are able to exchange information, diagnose patients' problems and prescribe proper treatment.

India-Malawi bilateral activities on the upswing

The bilateral relationship between Malawi and India is on an upswing. Since the successful state visit to India



Standing from L to R: Mr. Henry Zulu, Second Secretary (Consular); Mrs. Nelia Mwale, Third Secretary (Administration); Mr. McDonald Mizati, First Secretary (Political); Ms Bertha Msusa, First Secretary (Tourism); Mr. Bennex Kasandulika, First Secretary (Administration); Seating from L to R: Mr. Alfred Vilili (Counsellor); Her Excellency Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner; Mr. Kennedy Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner

in November 2010, the Malawi High Commission has witnessed and facilitated a considerable number of Malawians coming to India and Indians travelling to Malawi. While some of them have come to India for official duties, others have come for conferences, meetings and training, and yet others have visited India on purely business trips. The number of Indian persons going to Malawi has also substantially increased. With the recent reopening of the Indian High Commission in Lilongwe on April 2, 2012, Malawians travelling to India will now readily obtain their visas from Lilongwe, reducing the time it took when they had to travel to Lusaka, Zambia to obtain their visas. In this publication, we have included information on some of the delegations from Malawi that have recently been to India.

Vote of thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers without

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**Dr. Chrissie Chawanje
Mughogho
High Commissioner**



Malawi and Bangladesh Establish Diplomatic Relations



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho presenting her Letters of Credence to the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman

Her Excellency Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of the Republic of Malawi to India who is concurrently accredited to the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh as High Commissioner on non-residential basis, presented her Letters of Credence to the President of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, President of Bangladesh, at Bangabhaban (State House), Dhaka, (the capital of Bangladesh) on 15 March 2012.

In talks with President Rahman after presenting her Letters of Credence, the Malawi envoy conveyed a goodwill message and fraternal greetings from the late President of Malawi, His Excellency Professor Bingu wa Mutharika, Government and the people of Malawi to His Excellency President Mohammed Zillur Rahman, Government and people of Bangladesh. She said, ***"His Excellency the President Ngwazi Professor Bingu wa Mutharika sends his goodwill messages to your Excellency,***

Government and the people of Bangladesh. His Excellency the President of Malawi is committed to ensuring that Malawi and Bangladesh enjoy strong, long lasting and fruitful diplomatic relations for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries."

Her Excellency Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho briefed President Rahman on some of the major achievements of Malawi under late President Bingu wa Mutharika's leadership. She



Diplomatic Relations with Bangladesh

singled out Malawi's success story of the Targeted Farm Input Subsidy Programme which has resulted in Malawi's success in attaining food security. The envoy informed the President that in order to enhance agriculture production, Malawi had embarked on robust irrigation agriculture programme called the Greenbelt Initiative, and that Malawi was looking forward to cooperating with Bangladesh in this area. She also informed the President that Malawi was ready to cooperate with Bangladesh in other sectors of development as well.

In his remarks, His Excellency President Mohammed Zillur Rahman congratulated the President, people and government of Malawi for establishing diplomatic relations with Bangladeshi. He assured the High Commissioner of his commitment to deepen and strengthen the new diplomatic relationship between the two countries. He commended the President of Malawi for appointing a lady envoy to represent Malawi in his country. Talking about cooperation in economic development, President Rahman said Bangladesh was keen to cooperate with Malawi to develop the cotton industry through value addition. He informed the Malawi envoy that Bangladesh cotton and textile industry employs over 4 million people, out of which 80% are women.

Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho is the first High Commissioner of the Republic of Malawi to be accredited to Bangladesh on a non-residential basis. The High Commissioner thanked the President, the government and the people of Malawi for entrusting her with the responsibility to be Malawi's envoy to both India and Bangladesh. ■



H.E. Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, gave an audience to H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho after she presented her Letters of Credence



Ambassador Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho with the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Zillur Rahman, after presenting her Letters of Credence. She was accompanied by her spouse, Prof. L.K. Mughogho; the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr K.S.A. Moyo (far left); and Mr. McDonald Mizati, (far right), First Secretary (Political).



Chandigarh Rotary Club Gives a New Lease of Life to Twenty Children from Malawi



The High Commissioner Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho with a recently operated two-year old child from Malawi, in ICU with Mrs. Ann Babbi Harbhajan of Chandigarh Rotary Club

Twenty lucky children from Malawi aged 2 -14 years with congenital heart disease, were referred to Fortis Hospital in Chandigarh for free heart corrective surgeries. The complicated and undoubtedly expensive medical procedures were carried out with the humanitarian support, and under the auspices, of Chandigarh Rotary Club's Heartline Project. I would like to commend the Lilongwe Rotary Club for facilitating this project and encourage them to continue doing the commendable work for the most vulnerable in our society.

The first batch of these young and fragile patients and their

guardians arrived in Chandigarh, India on 29 August 2011. The last batch of six patients arrived in Chandigarh on 3 February 2012 and returned to Malawi on 25 February 2012.

The High Commissioner of the Republic of Malawi to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, was in Chandigarh on 11 February 2012 to visit and cheer the last batch of young cardiac patients admitted at Fortis Hospital, as well as to thank the Chandigarh Rotary Club for their generosity in giving the Malawi children a new lease of life. She expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Neena Singh, President of Chandigarh Rotary Club and, in particular,

to Mr. Rajendre K. Saboo, Past President, Rotary International who initiated the humanitarian programme for Malawi.

The High Commissioner noted with gratitude that the generosity of Chandigarh Rotary Club will not end with the children's heart surgeries. The Chandigarh Rotary Club has extended its humanitarian programme by embarking on a project which will facilitate the short-term attachment to Fortis Hospital of 10 medical doctors from Malawi. The doctors will undergo training to equip them with new skills in the field of cardiology, oncology, dialysis and emergency accident.

The Government and People of Malawi greatly appreciate the delicate medical operations carried out on the children. However, special recognition should be given to the proposed short term attachment of the medical doctors from Malawi which will be a practical contribution to the delivery of Malawi's health services. As the popular saying goes in modern-day development co-operation: "Give a man a fish and you have saved him for one day, but teach him how to fish and you have empowered him for life." It is, therefore, the hope of Malawi Government that the Chandigarh Rotary Club will continue with their humanitarian assistance to the under-privileged children of Malawi. It is further hoped that other Rotary Clubs in India, as well as similar charitable organizations will emulate this noble gesture. ■



Artemis Hospital Teams up with the Malawi Ministry of Health to Provide Super Speciality Healthcare to Malawi Patients in India

In a bid to provide alternative affordable healthcare to patients in Malawi, the Malawi Government is planning to establish an office of medical attaché at the Malawi High Commission in New Delhi. In November 2010, a team of experts from Ministry of Health visited Indian hospitals and found tariffs offered by the Indian hospitals much less expensive than hospitals with similar facilities in South Africa, China and United Kingdom. Following discussions between Malawi Government and Indian Government, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Malawi and India.

Under this broad MOU, the Ministry of Health entered into an agreement on healthcare with Artemis Hospital in India



Artemis Doctors with Medical staff of Kamuzu Central Hospital
Standing from (L-R) Mrs. Mercy Kawenda (Nurse), Dr. Lawrence Chiwaula (Hospital Administrator), Dr. Baldev S. Sekhon, (Director – Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surgery) Dr. Kapil Kochhar (Oncologist), Mrs. Gladys Mwale (Nurse)



Dr. Kapil Kochhar (Oncologist) examining a patient at Kamuzu Central Hospital

in March 2011. Except for emergency patients who cannot make the long flight to India, referral patients are now being sent to Artemis Hospital for treatment. Since the inception of the programme on 9 October 2011, twentythree patients have been treated at Artemis Hospital for various ailments.

Artemis Hospital is a 300-bed super-speciality hospital located in Gurgaon, Haryana State. The hospital has the following super-specialties: Cardiovascular Diseases; Oncology; Orthopedics; Minimally Invasive and Bariatric

Surgery; Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; and Neurosurgery.

The Malawi High Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the management and staff of Artemis Hospital for the excellent service rendered to Malawi referral patients that have so far been treated at the hospital. Special thanks should go to Ms. Nutan Kaushik and Ms. Meenakshik Ahuja who, in collaboration with Ms. Bertha Msusa, Acting Health Attaché at the Malawi High Commission, are coordinating the patients referral programme for Malawi. ■



Healthcare Specialists from Apollo Hospitals of India Visit Malawi

Apollo Hospitals is one of the largest healthcare group in India. A delegation of senior officials from Apollo Hospitals visited Malawi from 7 to 9 February 2012 to hold discussions with Ministry of Health officials on the possibility of establishing a partnership to provide healthcare services for the people of Malawi.

The overall objective of the partnership would be the provision by Apollo Hospitals of super-specialist consultation services, training of medical and paramedical personnel who would be equipped to provide specialized healthcare and treatment to

patients in need. Patients from Malawi would be referred to any one of the Apollo Hospitals across India but mainly to hospitals in New Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Following discussions held in February 2012, a team of three healthcare specialists from Apollo Hospitals conducted in Malawi free speciality clinics in cardiology, oncology and gastroenterology from 10 to 13 April, 2012.

During their visit to Malawi in April 2012, the doctors collaborated with Malawi doctors and health personnel in identifying gaps in the healthcare services (infrastructure, equipment and skills) at Kamuzu

Central Hospital in Lilongwe. They discussed various areas of cooperation in the health sector.

Apollo Hospitals also discussed the possibility of setting up a direct tele-medicine linkage with Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe for super speciality consultations.

It is the hope of the Malawi High Commission that Apollo Hospitals will soon identify and partner with a hospital in Malawi to establish a state-of-the-art medical centre, as they have done elsewhere in Africa. Setting up such a medical centre would not only serve Malawians but also patients from the neighbouring countries.



Apollo Doctors after holding a meeting with senior management of Kamuzu Central Hospital Standing from (L-R) Mr. Abu Bakker Siddiq (Administrator), Dr. Girish B. Navasundi(Cardiologist), Dr. V. Baskaran (Surgical Gastroenterologist), Dr. Lawrence Chiwaula (Hospital Administrator), Dr. Noor Alide (Hospital Director), Ms. Bertha Msusa (Acting Health Attache), Mr. Davies Mtotha (Deputy Hospital Director), Dr. Anil Kamath (Surgical Oncologist)



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Malawi Envoy to India Invites Gujarat Business Persons to Invest in Malawi



The Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi (third from right) and H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India (second from left) with Heads of Mission from New Delhi

At the invitation of the State Government of Gujarat, Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, attended the Navratri festival in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 28 and 29 September 2011. The High Commissioner was among seventeen Heads of Mission based in New Delhi who were invited. Gujarat's famous nine nights festival ran from 28 September to 5 October 2011 and was jointly organized by the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited

(TGCL) and the Gujarat Industrial Navratri Festival Society (GINF). The Chief Minister of Gujarat State Government, Mr. Narendra Modi, presided over the opening ceremony where a wide range of dances from across India were performed to mark the auspicious and colourful occasion. Speaking when he inaugurated the festival, the Chief Minister thanked the Heads of Mission from New Delhi for gracing the Navratri festival with their presence. He informed the envoys that Navratri festival had become a very important

event for Gujarat as it had helped to put Gujarat on the tourist map of the world.

On 29 September 2011, the Chief Minister held an interactive session with the envoys at Gandhinagar in Gujarat which focused on, among other things, trade and investment. Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, seized the opportunity to invite Gujarat business persons to invest in Malawi. She informed the gathering that Malawi was a viable investment destination. The High





H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India making a point during discussions between the Heads of Mission from New Delhi and the Chief Minister of Gujarat

Commissioner further informed the gathering that Malawi was one of the few countries in Africa that was enjoying genuine peace and stability and was rated number two after Botswana in Africa on the Global Peace Index by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in 2010. She further informed the gathering that the Malawi Government had embarked on implementation of sound economic policies which had resulted in the achievement of high economic growth averaging 6.5 per cent in the last four years.

The High Commissioner also informed the meeting that Malawi was one of the few countries that had achieved food security in Africa. She added that His Excellency Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika, when he was

Chairman of the African Union in 2010, championed and promoted achievement of food security programme for the whole of Africa in the next five years.

Addressing the Heads of Mission from New Delhi, the Chief Minister, Shri Narendra Modi invited the envoys to forge mutual partnerships with Gujarat, which, he said, was emerging as a global business hub. The Chief Minister then took the opportunity to invite each one of the envoys to attend the biennial Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit (VGSIS) which will be held in January 2013. The Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit is a global investment conference which brings together investors from all over the world. Malawi has participated in the last three conferences.

While in Ahmedabad, the envoys also attended an interactive session which was organized by the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce where the envoys shared with members of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce trade and investment opportunities information. Speaking on behalf of the envoys, H.E. Mr. Harris Mbulelo Sithembile Majeke, High Commissioner of South Africa, thanked the Chamber for organizing the interactive session and invited Indian investors to invest in greenfield projects like power generation, infrastructure, information and communication technology (ICT), food processing, pharmaceuticals and textile and garment manufacturing in Africa, instead of only looking at Africa as a market for Indian products. ■



Indo-Malawi Joint Working Group on Mineral Resources Meets in New Delhi

The first meeting of the Indo-Malawi Joint Working Group on Mineral Resources was held in New Delhi on 19 October 2011. It was co-chaired by Shri S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Mr. Anthony Livuza, Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, Government of Malawi. The Indian delegation included officials from the Ministry of Mines while Mr. Livuza was accompanied by Dr. Lenard Kalindekafa, Director

of Geological Surveys; Mr. Peter Chamanga, Chief Mining Officer; Mr. Wilson Chigamba, Chief Mining Officer; and Mr. Alfred Vilili, Counsellor at the Malawi High Commission. Also present at the Working Group meeting were the Malawi High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho and Mr. Kennedy Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner. The Joint Working Group was formed to implement the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in November 2010 during the state

visit to India of the Late President of Malawi, His Excellency Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika.

The Working Group discussed issues relating to exchange of technical information on mineral resources and mining law. The Indian side offered to the Malawi side capacity building and training facilities in the area of geophysical and geochemical mapping, geo-informatics, mining and other geo-scientific areas in the form of long-term collaboration and joint exploration for minerals



Mr. Anthony Livuza (third from left), Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, Government of Malawi and H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner accompanied by Mr. K.S.A. Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner of Malawi to India at the meeting of the Indo-Malawi Joint Working Group on Mineral Resources in New Delhi





Mr. Anthony Livuza (left), Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, Government of Malawi and Shri S. Vijay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India exchanging copies of the communiqué after signing of the proceedings of the meeting

and development of the mining industry.

The Malawi delegation welcomed the Indian Government's proposals and said that there was a lot of scope and potential for cooperation between the Geological Surveys Departments of both countries. Technical and financial investment from India would strengthen the business relationship between the two countries. Both countries agreed to hold the next meeting as early as possible. The Malawi Government also invited the Indian delegation to visit Malawi at their earliest convenience.

The Malawi delegation visited the gemstone cutting and polishing training centre in Delhi and the Rock Processing Laboratory of the Geological Survey of India (GIS) at Faridabad to appreciate the capabilities of India in the field of geology, mineral resources and processing. At the GIS, the delegation was taken on a tour of the centre and the officials described the functions

of the following laboratories: Electron Probe Micro-Analyzer (EPMA) Laboratory; Rock Processing Laboratory; X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) Laboratory; X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Laboratory; and Trillium Lane (TL) Laboratory.

Commenting on the visit to Gemstone Exporters Association, Mr. Livuza said that he was impressed with what he saw. He informed the hosts that Malawi was well endowed with gemstones and other semi-precious stones but was lacking value addition skills for cutting and polishing of stones. He expressed interest to collaborate with the gemstone cutting and training centre to have small-scale gemstones entrepreneurs from Malawi trained at the centre.

Mr. Livuza in his remarks made after signing the communiqué of the technical deliberations said that he was pleased with what his team had seen at the Gemstone Training Centre and at the Geological Survey of India at Faridabad. He also said that he was pleased with the progress that had been made in the deliberations of the technical committee, and that he was positive that the mineral agreement signed between Malawi and India would translate into the development of value addition to mineral resources in Malawi. ■



Malawi delegation from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment being briefed by their hosts in India



India Hands Over Tractors and Maize Shellers to Malawi Government

The Government of India handed over 177 tractors and 144 maize shellers to Malawi at a ceremony held in Lilongwe on 19 December 2011. The tractors and shellers were bought by Malawi Government using a loan from the Indian Government line of credit. The tractors were handed over by India's High Commissioner to Malawi, H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, and Hon. Prof. Peter Mwanza, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, received the equipment on behalf of the Malawi Government.

In his remarks at the ceremony, India's High Commissioner to Malawi congratulated Malawi for enhancing agriculture and food security. He said, in addition to crop production, Malawi should consider investing in value addition to products which he said would increase export earnings for Malawi. The Indian High Commissioner also asked the Malawi government to diversify into other crops in order to increase the country's exports.

Speech by the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development Prof. Peter N. Mwanza, MP at the handover ceremony for farm machinery and other equipment at PVHO in Lilongwe on 19 December 2011

I am exceedingly delighted to be here this morning to receive on behalf of the Government of Malawi farm machinery and equipment that has been purchased by the Government of

Malawi through a loan from the Indian line of credit. This is indeed a great day for the Agriculture Sector in Malawi.

Firstly before I proceed, allow me to extend a warm welcome to my dear brother, His Excellency Ashok Kumar, the Indian High Commissioner to Malawi. I want to thank Your Excellency for coming at this auspicious occasion to handover the equipment to Malawi Government. I wish you a wonderful stay in Malawi.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, agriculture's role in Malawi has been recognized through its contribution to the National Gross Domestic product (GDP) which is at 39%, employment opportunity provision to cover over 85% of the Malawians and foreign exchange earning provision estimated to be over 90% of the country's total exports.

Realizing the importance of agriculture, the Malawi Government developed the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) that recognizes that prospects for economic growth in the medium term will continue to be driven by the agriculture sector. To operationalise the MGDS my Ministry has developed the Agriculture Sector Wide Approach (ASWAp), an investment priority programme for the agriculture sector that is also aligned to the Continental agriculture agenda, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) under the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD.)

The overall objective of ASWAp is to improve food security and generate agricultural growth through increased productivity of food and cash crops, while ensuring sustainable use of natural resources. The ASWAp identifies three focus areas of priority investment to achieve sustainable growth and development; (1) Food Security and Risk Management, (2) Commercial agriculture, agro-processing and market development and (3) Sustainable Land and Water Management.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, through ASWAp, the agriculture sector intends to reduce drudgery through promotion of labour saving technologies including mechanization. Although the sector has managed to improve agricultural growth over the years, drudgery has been one of the challenges that have affected the performance of the sector.

It is, therefore, pleasing to me that today, I am here representing the Malawi Government in receiving various equipment bought with a loan from the Indian Line of credit. The equipment that I am receiving today will go a long way in enhancing agricultural productivity within ASWAp framework.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, Malawi Government obtained a loan of US\$50 Million for commercialization of the agricultural sector. I am pleased to inform you that through the loan, Government has purchased various equipment for construction of three Ginneries to be placed in





Hon. Prof Peter Mwanza, Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development receiving the tractors at the handover ceremony on 19 December 2011 in Lilongwe

Chikwawa, Balaka and Karonga. In addition, Government has also purchased 177 tractors with their accessories (ploughs, harrows, ridgers and trailers); 48 seed and fertilizer drilling machines; 144 maize shellers and 2,550 sprayers. All these equipment will contribute towards mechanizing our agriculture sector.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is more pleasing to note that the cotton ginning equipment is coming at a time when Government decided to upscale cotton production in the country by allocating MK1.6 billion in the current budget this agricultural season. This will enable Malawi add value to its raw cotton to lint hence increased foreign exchange earnings for the country.

I would therefore like to thank His Excellency Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika for his visionary leadership of transforming Malawi from a predominantly

consuming and importing nation to a production and exporting nation.

These tractors will be available for hire by farmers in Malawi. The private sector will also be encouraged to participate in the tractor hire scheme through a tractor ownership scheme that my Ministry is developing. The tractors received today will bring the current tractor hire scheme to another level due to increased access of tractors for hire.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, apart from reducing drudgery of farm operations, the equipment will also help farmers increase their area under cultivation and increase land productivity.

I am pleased to learn that the supplier of equipment Apollo International Limited has trained tractor operators, mechanics and other officers in general management of the tractors and

the other equipment. I am further pleased to learn that Apollo has made arrangements with a local company here in Malawi for back-up service. This will help to make the programme sustainable.

Finally, on behalf of Malawi Government, I would like to thank the Indian High Commissioner for His Excellency's Government support that has enabled us to mechanize our Agriculture Sector. Please extend the Malawi Government's thanks to the Indian Government.

With these remarks, it is my honour and privilege to receive the equipment on behalf of the Government of Malawi. ■

I thank you for your attention.

May God bless you all and bless our beautiful nation Malawi.



Fourteen Malawians attend ELECRAMA 2012 International Exhibition in Mumbai



Mrs. Sunanda Rajendran, Secretary General of the Indo-Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with Malawi delegates

The 10th Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association (ELECRAMA) International Exhibition was held in Mumbai from 18 to 21 January 2012 at Bombay Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC). The event was jointly organized by Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA), Indo-Africa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Ministry of Power; Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. It was officially inaugurated by the Union Minister of Power, Hon. Sushil Kumar Shinde. Malawi was represented at the exhibition by a fourteen member delegation comprising Mr. Arthur Mandambwe acting Chief Executive Officer of Electricity Supply Commission of Malawi

(ESCOM); Mr. Peter Mtonda, ESCOM Director of Distribution and Customer Service; Mr. Ngwile Mwenefumbo, Manager, ESCOM; Mr. Lucky Penmlungu, Managing Director, Depewell Electrical Company; Mr. Duncan Zamangwe, Managing Director of Zamangwe Electrical Company; Mr. Tarry Das, Managing Director of Lux Electrical Company; Mr. Patrick Garvey Jumbe, Grasha Electricals; Mr. Jasper Blessings Ziba, GIC Engineering; Mr. Lameck Makutu, C to C Foundry; Mr. Innocent Kaunda, Anderson Engineering; Mr. Rishi Thaker, Universal Trading Company; Mr. Osman Aziz, Managing Director, Alco Cables Limited; Mr. Ridwan Aziz, Director, Electra Sales Ltd; and Mr. S. Rajan, Managing Director, Rajan Trading Company. The organizers provided logistical

support to Malawi's participants at the exhibition.

The main aim of the exhibition was to showcase India's electricity and electronics equipment and provide a forum for stakeholders to interact and strike business deals in electricity and electronics equipment. The exhibition was held in plenary sessions and one-on-one business meetings where interested business persons held meetings with fellow business persons. The exhibition covered discussions on energy generation, energy supply, and energy distribution.

The exhibition attracted 1,243 exhibitors from 23 countries, including India. January 21, 2012 was designated "innovation day" for engineering students in India to display to the world products of



Business Meetings and Conferences in India



Malawi delegates at the exhibition



Mr. Arthur Mandambwe, acting Chief Executive of ESCOM discussing point with business person at the exhibition

various innovative electricity and electronics projects which they were undertaking in schools and colleges. In order to motivate the students the organizers recognized and awarded the best of the

products. The innovation day served to sensitize the community on the importance of electrical and electronics and to highlight their relevance and application to the world at large.

Mr. Arthur Mandambwe, acting Chief Executive of ESCOM, spoke on behalf of the Malawi delegation at the end of the exhibition. He thanked Mrs. Sunanda Rajendran, Secretary General of the Indo-Africa Chamber of Commerce who coordinated and facilitated the participation of the Malawi delegation to the exhibition. He also conveyed his gratitude to the organizers for inviting Malawi to the event, highlighting that the Malawi delegation had learnt a lot and made useful business contacts.

ELECRAMA is the world's largest electrical exhibition held biennially in Mumbai, India since 1990. It has grown to be the world's largest one-stop-shop for electrical and industrial electronics. ELECRAMA offers an international framework for display, discussions and deliberations among global business people, thought leaders, technologists and professionals from the utilities, industry and academia. ■





Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre

Malawi Attends the 8th Udyog 2012 in Surat, Gujarat, India

The eighth trade exhibition **Udyog 2012** was held at Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre (SIECC) at Sarsanain, Surat from 27 to 30 January 2012. The exhibition was jointly organized by the Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) and its main focus was to promote new cutting edge technology for textile manufacturing, including engineering and industrial equipment. Service providers in banking and financial institutions also participated in the event. Malawi was represented by Mr. Rajin Patel, Managing Director of Select and Save Ltd, and Mr. Alfred Vilili, Counsellor, (Trade) at the Malawi High Commission.

The Minister of State for Industries and Civil Aviation, Shri. Saurabh

Patel inaugurated the exhibition. Other high profile dignitaries present at the inaugural ceremony were Hon. Elizabeth Thabethe, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa; Minister of State for Panchayat and Rural Housing, Shri Narottam Patel and Dr. HP Kumar, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Small Scale Industries Corporation (NSIC). Two hundred and fifteen exhibitors participated in the event and displayed the whole range of textile and other equipment. International exhibitors at the Udyog-2012 included companies from Japan, Korea, Canada, the U.K, and Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Local companies that participated in the event came from Surat, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Vapi, Vadodara, Mumbai, Delhi and Coimbatore.

High-level delegations from Japan, Korea, Indonesia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Malawi, Namibia and Australia visited the exhibition.

In his remarks when he officially opened the event, Minister of state for Industries and Civil Aviation, Shri Saurabh Patel, commended the Chamber for organizing the exhibition.

Speaking at the inauguration of the exhibition, the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of South Africa, Hon. Elizabeth Thabethe, commended the SGCCI for organizing the event and for extending an invitation to South Africa.

Commenting on the event, Dr. H.P. Kumar, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Small Scale Industries Corporation (NSIC) said that he was glad to be associated with the event and





Mr. Rajin Patel, Managing Director of Select and Save Ltd in Malawi attended Udyog

programme on two consecutive days, 28 and 29 January.

Commenting on the event, Mr. Rajin Patel, Managing Director of Select and Save Ltd in Malawi said he was happy that he attended the exhibition. He said, his participation in the Udyog had been fruitful as he had established many contacts with various importers of pulses. He further said, he was looking forward to doing business with his new contacts and that he would ensure that he would follow up on all orders he got from the exhibitions. He, however, said he wished many Malawi companies had participated in the Udyog exhibition.

At the closing ceremony, which was attended by Union Minister of

that his corporation was grateful for the partnership with SGCCI.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Rohit Mehta, president of SGCCI, informed the delegates that the event had seen a growing number of exhibitors. He further informed the gathering that Government of India had shown keen interest to partner with the SGCCI in promoting the event. He said, this was the first time that NSIC had partnered with SGCCI for the Udyog exhibition. He informed the gathering that the number of exhibitors, particularly the number of small-scale exhibitors had been growing consistently over the years. He said it was pleasing to note that out of the 215 exhibitors, most of them were small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

On the sidelines of the Udyog, the SGCCI conducted a series of seminars on green technology, textile and investment opportunities in Surat. The Engineering Export Promotion Council took advantage of the event



to present the Indian Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS), which among other things, depicted Indian technologies for food processing, pharmaceutical, solar power, and other technologies.

Artists from Indonesia spiced the event with an evening cultural

State for Road Transport, Tushar Chaudhary, Rohit Mehta said that the success of Udyog-2012 was due to the fact that it was a show of the people and by the people. More than 40,000 people visited the exhibition in the last four days. ■



Malawi Envoy to India Invites Indian Importers to buy Malawi Pulses

Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, appealed to potential and traditional Indian importers of pulses to increase the volume of pulses imported from Malawi. She made the call at the Global Pulses Conclave which was held on 15 to 17 February 2012 at the Renaissance Hotel in Mumbai. The conclave was organized by India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) with support of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. Its objective was to bring together stakeholders and provide a platform for sharing ideas on how to expand pulses trade in the world. The conclave was officially inaugurated by Mr. Rajiv Agarwal, Secretary for Consumer Affairs in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India. The conclave attracted over 600 delegates including 100 international participants.

The Malawi delegation to the conclave was led by Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, and included Mr. Alfred Vilili, Counsellor, Ms Bertha Msusa and Mr. Bennex Kasandulika who are both First Secretaries at the Malawi High Commission in New Delhi. Mr. Rajin Patel, Managing Director of Select and Save (Pvt) Ltd in Malawi represented his company at the conclave and Mr. Mahesh Patel, Managing Director of Export Trading was also present.

In his inaugural address to the conclave, Mr. Rajiv Agarwal



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India speaking at Global Pulses Conclave at Renaissance Hotel in Mumbai

thanked IPGA for organizing the conclave which, he said, was taking place at a time when pulses trade was becoming a very important sector for many countries, including India.

Also speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Pravin Dongre, President of India Pulses and Grain Association said "It is a great pleasure for me to be standing here in front of such a distinguished gathering from across India and the world who are attending the Global Pulses Conclave. This conclave will seek to crystal gaze into the future and allow market participants to take informed decisions about trading strategies." He then thanked the participants for turning up in large numbers.

Addressing the conclave, Mr. Mahesh Patel, Managing Director

of Export Trading Company (ECG), whose company has its presence in twenty five (25) countries in the world reminded the conclave that pulses were the most important source of vegetable protein and an integral part of the Indian and global diet. Mr. Mahesh informed the gathering that India is the largest consumer of pulses in the world with demand outstripping domestic supply. He further informed the conclave that the deficit was largely being met by imports from Canada, USA, Australia, Myanmar and African countries. He informed the conclave that his company was promoting the production and value addition of pulses in Africa through smallholder schemes.

In her address to the conclave, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Malawi High Commissioner to



India, thanked Mr. Dongree, Chairman of the IPGA, and his entire team for organizing the conclave which, she said, was very important as it provided an opportunity for discussing issues affecting the pulses trade. She then thanked Mr. Mahesh Patel, Chairman of Export Trading Company, for his initiative to support and promote the growth, production and processing of pulses in Malawi and other African countries. She appealed to Indian traders to buy Malawi pulses in abundance, which she said were of very high quality.

The Global Pulses Conclave proceedings were organized into plenary sessions, one-on-one business meetings and exhibitions mounted by suppliers of pulses. In the interactive plenary session delegates shared experiences and a number of presentations were made on various aspects of pulses. Delegates benefitted from market intelligence information on global pulses and supply outlook for the year 2012.

The conclave brought to the fore issues that impact the pulses trade, one of which was the continued use of methyl bromide



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho (extreme right) with the delegation from Malawi at the Global Pulses Conclave at Renaissance Hotel in Mumbai

for fumigation to control pests on pulses imported into India. Although use of methyl bromide is banned in most countries including Malawi, in compliance with the

Montreal Protocol on ozone-depleting substances, India still insists on using methyl bromide on pulses entering the country. However, although the Indian Government does not recognize alternative pesticides being used by Malawi and other countries, pulses from these countries are still being imported into India, subject to fumigation with methyl bromide on entry in India. The Director of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Mr. Sarvesh Rai, informed the conclave that the Government of India had accepted pulses imported from France, USA and Canada to enter India as these countries had taken steps to ensure that, although they were not using methyl bromide, they had taken adequate measures to ensure that their pulses were free from pests. He, therefore, requested the remaining exporters of pulses to India, including Malawi, to follow what these countries had done. ■



Mr. Mahesh Patel, Chairman of Export Trading Company lighting the lamp at the inauguration of the Global Pulses Conclave at Renaissance Hotel in Mumbai



Malawi Participates in the 8th CII Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership in New Delhi



Hon. John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade, accompanied by H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Malawi High Commissioner to India at the Malawi Pavilion at the 8th Conclave Taj Palace Hotel New Delhi. Manning the pavilion were: Mr. Clement Kumbemba, Acting General Manger, MITC; and Mrs. Kamia Kaluma Sulumba, Coordinator of OVOP

The 8th CII Exim Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership was held at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, India from 18 to 20 March 2012. The Conclave, whose theme was Creating Possibilities; Delivering Values was organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Textiles, and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The deliberations at the Conclave covered a wide range of topics including Funding the growth, Partnerships to harness the human potential, Bio-mass-based power generation, Leveraging the Indian model for Africa's

growth, and Energy efficiency in small and medium enterprises. There were also sessions covering business opportunities in northern, southern, eastern and western African markets in drugs and pharmaceuticals, information communication and technology and telecommunications and agriculture. Over 600 African delegates from 40 African countries and 22 ministers participated in the conference. Malawi delegation comprising 20 delegates participated in the Conclave and the Minister of Industry and Trade, Hon. John Bande and Hon Mahommed Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Infrastructure led

the Malawi delegation. H.E Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho also participated in the Conclave. The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Hon Anand Sharma inaugurated the Conclave on behalf of the Government of India.

In his address, Hon Sharma informed the Conclave that India was committed to work with Africa in a true spirit of south-south cooperation. He announced that the Government of India would increase capacity building initiatives and programmes in Africa. He informed the gathering that the Government of India would fast-track the establishment of the specialized capacity building institutions in Africa. Hon Anand Sharma also emphasized on the importance of food security in the world in general and in Africa and India in particular. He informed the Conclave that India was keen to extend technologies for enhancing value addition through food-processing and post harvest storage technologies.

Other areas emphasized by Hon Anand Sharma in his speech were the importance of information communication and technology (ICT) in the modern world and pharmaceuticals. He informed the Conclave that India would go to any length to defend production of generic medicines for HIV/Aids, which he said was assisting poor people who cannot afford brand medicines. He then underscored the strength of Indian companies





A cross section of delegates at the 8th CII Conclave at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

in energy and infrastructure development.

Among key speakers at the meeting from Malawi were Hon. John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade, and Hon. Mahommed Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Infrastructure.

Hon. John Bande, presented a paper on Southern and Eastern Africa—taking the partnership forward. He highlighted the importance of trade and investment. He also underscored the importance of bilateral and multilateral trade regimes. The Minister informed the Conclave that Malawi was an ardent believer in regional economic groupings and bilateral trade agreements which he said were instrumental in achieving growth. Hon. Bande informed the Conclave that Malawi was a viable investment destination and invited Indian companies to invest in Malawi.

Hon. Mahommed Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Infrastructure in Malawi, informed the Conclave that infrastructure development was key for achieving economic development in Africa. He emphasized that in order to achieve fast economic development there



Hon. Mahommed Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Infrastructure in Malawi addressing business persons at the 8th CII Conclave at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

was need for Africa to find ways on how the continent could attain interconnectivity through roads and railway networks. The Minister informed the Conclave that the Government of Malawi had embarked on an ambitious infrastructure programme, particularly in the rural areas. He outlined some of the projects which the Government of Malawi

was implementing in line with the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy. He informed the Conclave that Malawi welcomed Public-Private Partnership and was ready to work with any interested investor. He then invited Indian companies to come and invest in infrastructure projects in Malawi. ■



Malawi Industry and Trade Minister Lures Indian Companies to Invest in Malawi



Hon. John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade addressing business persons at the “Trade and investment climate in Malawi” Conference at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

On 19 March 2012, Malawi held an investment promotion conference to woo Indian business persons to invest in Malawi under the theme, “Trade and investment climate in Malawi” at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi. The conference was organized alongside the 8th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership and was graced by the presence of Hon. John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade who officially inaugurated the session and delivered a keynote address. Also present at the investment interactive session were H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Malawi’s High Commissioner to India; Mr. Newby Kumwembe, Secretary for Industry and Trade; Mr. Randson Mwadiwa, Secretary for Transport and Public Infrastructure, officials from government ministries and

public institutions in Malawi and diplomats from the Malawi High Commission. Over 100 Indian business persons participated in the conference.

In his keynote address, Hon. John Bande invited Indian companies to invest in Malawi. His address was followed by a power point presentation on investment opportunities in Malawi by the Acting General Manager, Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC) Mr. Clement Kumbemba. The plenary interactive session was followed by one-on-one business meetings where officials from various line ministries in Malawi provided more insights and detailed specific information to questions raised by prospective investors. Below is the speech made by the Minister of Industry and Trade, Hon. John Bande, at the conference.

Speech by Hon. John Bande, M.P., Minister of Industry and Trade at the Conference on Trade and Investment Climate in Malawi held at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi on 19 March 2012

It gives me great pleasure this afternoon to address this conference on Trade and Investment Climate in Malawi.

Let me at the outset thank the Government and people of India for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to me and my delegation to this year’s CII-EXIM Bank Conclave. I also wish to thank the Malawi High Commission in India for organizing this function. I believe that after the end of this function and the conclave at large, tangible business deals will have been concluded and Malawi will experience an influx of Indian companies willing to invest in the country.

Ladies and gentlemen, as most of you are aware, relations between Malawi and India date back to the 19th century when the first Indian people landed in Malawi and eventually established themselves in commerce and industry and have since then contributed positively to Malawi’s economic development.

At the moment, total trade between India and Malawi is quite low and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has in recent times amounted to 25% of total FDI into Malawi. Considering the potential for growth in the country, it is apparent that more can be done to promote trade and investment between the two countries and it is us who can make it happen.



Ladies and gentlemen, Malawi as you all know is in Central Africa. The locational aspects are in the brochure that has been handed to you. Let me, however, mention that Malawi shares borders with Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. In terms of business, one would ask, what are the business prospects? Malawi is an agricultural country. As such, enormous opportunities exist in the agricultural sector in both trading and agro-processing.

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to draw your attention to cotton which offers immense opportunities in value addition with a ready market including in both COMESA and SADC, the two free trade areas with a combined population of over 500 million people and a GDP of over US\$700 billion. Among the opportunities are cotton ginning, textiles and apparel manufacturing.

On tobacco, Malawi produces over 150,000 tons of tobacco per year which is exported mostly in raw form. I invite distinguished Indian business executives to come and invest in tobacco processing and cigarette manufacturing for local and export markets.

I also wish to draw your attention to three other investment areas where huge investment potentials exist. These are the Green Belt for irrigation, the Nsanje World Inland port and the Shire/Zambezi Waterways project and the mining and energy industry.

In the Green Belt Initiative, our plan is to irrigate over one million hectares of land throughout the country using the abundant fresh water resources from Lake Malawi and various rivers that crisscross the country. The greenbelt irrigation scheme will result in the production of various commodities which will give opportunity for investors for value addition, agri-business, and agro-industries. We shall also need



Mr. Newby Kumwembe, Secretary for Industry and Trade addressing business persons at the "Trade and investment climate in Malawi" Conference at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi



Mr. Clement Kumbemba acting General Manager of MITC addressing business persons at the "Trade and investment climate in Malawi" Conference at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

tractors, agricultural equipments, piping for irrigation, motorized pumps and construction of small and medium scale dams.

In the transport sector our developmental agenda is to open up Malawi directly to the sea through Shire River in Nsanje to Zambezi River and the Indian Ocean. This will result in transformational investment in a modern Inland Port at Nsanje, rail, road and water transportation, as well as energy generation, hotels, airport development, tourism and value addition enterprises, just to mention a few.

The Port and Waterway Projects

are a regional COMESA project and will serve the combined population of Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and other countries in Southern Africa. We invite you to come and invest in this transformational project.

In the mining and energy sectors there are huge investment opportunities in power generation, transmission and distribution from hydro, solar, bio-fuels and wind. In mining we have recently opened a Uranium mine, and will in the near future open a niobium mine. We have significant deposits of uranium, gold, emeralds, rubies, phosphates, limestone,





Business Persons at the “Trade and investment climate in Malawi” Conference at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

coal, bauxite, heavy mineral sands, graphite, granite and other minerals. More discoveries are likely to be made after a geological mapping exercise which is underway. We invite you to come and invest in energy and mining.

Tourism is another priority sector in Malawi for obvious reasons. Malawi is endowed with clean fresh water and beautiful beaches, wildlife, parks and rich culture, as such, even more suited for eco-tourism. We want Indians to come and invest in casinos and amusement parks. We also have unique mountain tourism potentials, with unexplored caves in Zomba and Mulanje Mountains and picturesque sceneries in the Nyika Mountains. We have very attractive areas for hot air balloon tours in the lower plains. I therefore, invite you to come and invest in the tourism, mining and energy sectors.

In terms of access to markets we are a growing and expanding market. In addition Malawi enjoys preferential access to strategic markets at regional and international levels; to SADC and COMESA region spanning more than 20 African countries in east,

south, north and central Africa; to the European Union through the Everything But Arms (EBA) window; to China and India through bilateral agreements and the United States through AGOA. This is in addition to the bilateral trade agreements that Malawi has with various countries. These preferential arrangements provide an expanded market for would-be investors beyond the national borders.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me underscore the fact that the business environment within which these initiatives are being carried out is quite favourable. Malawi has in the past five years maintained prudent macro-economic policies which have resulted in Malawi achieving an annual average growth rate of 7.0%. The country maintained a single digit rate of inflation with a stable exchange rate and interest rate dropping from as high as 35% in mid 2000s to 13% by 2011. Malawi also boasts of investment policies that are liberal and as such provides for freedom to invest in any sector, investor protection, foreign exchange repatriation and equal treatment for both domestic and foreign investors.

Ladies and Gentlemen, here is a new window of opportunity for large profitable investment ventures. Therefore, I wish to assure Indian investors that your investment in Malawi is secure. Malawi is a signatory of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank and is also a signatory to the Convention of Settlement of Investment Disputes. Malawi is also a member of Africa Trade Insurance Agency (ATI), a World Bank supported initiative, aimed at guaranteeing investment in Africa. Malawi has signed investment Protection and Promotion agreements (IPPAs) and Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) with other countries.

And specifically for India, we are in the process of negotiating a reciprocal Protection and Promotion of Investment Agreement (IPPA). With the Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement in place, I am confident that trade and investment inflows between our two countries will grow.

Ladies and gentlemen, given the immense opportunities existing in Malawi, and the pro-business policies being pursued to support trade and investment, Malawi is set to grow and I invite you to be part of that growth through your investment in this wonderful country. I want to assure you that the government of Malawi's President, His Excellency Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika would be willing to assist in whatever way we can to ensure that your businesses are safe in Malawi. So come and do business with the warm heart of Africa - Malawi.

With these few remarks, it is now my pleasure to officially open this interactive session on “Trade and Investment Climate in Malawi”. ■

I thank you for your attention!



India-Malawi Trade Registers Eighty–five Percent Growth in 2011



The Minister of Industry and Trade, Malawi, Hon. John Bande meeting the Indian Minister for Commerce and Industry and Textiles, Hon. Anand Sharma, in New Delhi on March 21, 2012

Malawi Minister of Industry and Trade, Hon. John Bande and his Indian counterpart, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Textiles, Hon. Anand Sharma, held bilateral trade talks in New Delhi on 21 March 2012 on the sidelines of the India-Africa Trade Ministers meeting. The two ministers expressed happiness that after a decline in bilateral trade in fiscal year 2010-2011, bilateral trade had shown a strong growth of eighty-five percent in the current fiscal year (2011-2012) according to the Synergy Online Economic Bureau.

In the eight-month period from April to November 2011 bilateral trade was US\$113 million up from US\$61 million in the corresponding eight-month preceding period from April to November 2010 in fiscal year 2010-2011, a growth

rate of more than eight-five percent. During the meeting the two ministers noted that although trade between Malawi and India had increased substantially, there was need to continue to work on increasing the trade volume further and expanding the basket of products being traded between the two countries for their mutual benefit.

Hon. John Bande informed his counterpart that he was satisfied with the progress that had been made towards the signing of a bilateral **Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA)** between the two countries. He noted that once the IPPA is finalized, it will provide the necessary investment security to prospective Indian investors aspiring to invest in Malawi.

Hon. Sharma conveyed India's willingness to support Malawi

in its economic development in agriculture, railways rehabilitation, hydropower stations and solar energy. He expressed satisfaction that Malawi had utilized the Indian line of credit of US\$30 million extended to it in 2008 for irrigation, grain storage and tobacco threshing projects in Malawi and the line of credit of US\$50 million announced in 2010 during the visit to Malawi of the Vice-President of India, Hon. Shri Hamid Ansari, was used for the Greenbelt Programme in Malawi.

At the meeting with Hon. Anand Sharma, Hon. Bande was accompanied by Mr. Newby Kumwembe, Secretary for Industry and Trade, Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho; and Mr. Peter Simbani, Director of Debt and Aid in the Ministry of Finance in Malawi. ■



Malawi Attends the 2nd India-Africa Business Partnership Conference



Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Secretary General of the Federation of India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Ministers from Africa at the official inauguration ceremony of the India-Africa Business Partnership Conference in Hyderabad

Malawi was among the African countries that attended the second India-Africa business partnership conference in Hyderabad, India from 12 to 13 October 2011. The conference was organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Andhra Pradesh State government with the aim of promoting trade and investments between Africa

and India. Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, accompanied by Counsellor in the High Commission, Mr. Alfred Vilili, participated in the conference. Delegates from India and Africa comprising chief executives of companies, heads of public and private sector corporations, diplomats and independent consultants, shared and showcased business opportunities in India and Africa,

focusing on transport, technology, services, health and agriculture sectors.

Speaking when he inaugurated the conference, the Andhra Pradesh State Chief Minister, Mr. N. Kiran Kumar Reddy told the gathering, particularly Indian business persons, that Indian industry, should view Africa as an alternative to Europe and the United States as Africa could contribute significantly to growth





H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India, at the India-Africa Business Partnership Conference in Hyderabad

of their businesses. He said emphasis should be in agriculture and allied industries while efforts should also be made to explore new avenues to promote trade that would be mutually beneficial. The Chief Minister commended Africa and India for weathering out the global financial crisis **saying, the remarkable resilience displayed by African and Indian economies in the aftermath of the global financial crisis gives rise to the hope that partnership between India and Africa will grow from strength to strength in the coming years.**

Also speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the conference, Dr Rajiv Kumar, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Secretary General said, that the Conference was being held at the time when bilateral trade between India and Africa had more than doubled from \$25 billion in 2007 to

\$53.3 billion in 2011. He further said that the trend was likely to continue and was projected to double in the next five years, with sectors such as transport equipment, services, health and agriculture projected to drive the growth.

The Chairman and Managing Director of Exim Bank, Mr. T.C.A Ranganathan, informed the conference that the bank was helping in the setting up of food processing, textile, diamond and IT clusters in Africa. He pointed out that much of the development in Africa was attributed to small and medium scale enterprises.

The African Ministers that came from Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe took turns to speak at the inaugural ceremony. They all underscored the importance of the partnership that exists between Africa and India emphasizing that it was important that this partnership

should be strengthened through trade and investment.

The Malawi High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, remarking about the conference echoed the African Ministers sentiments on the importance of trade and investments between India and Africa. She underscored that the conference was a great opportunity for Malawi and other African countries to interact with Indian business persons saying, such conferences provide great opportunity for promoting trade and investments between Africa and India through one-on-one business interactions. The Malawi High Commissioner thanked the FICCI for the well organized conference. During the conference, Malawi High Commission marketed Malawi as a viable investment destination, highlighting that Malawi was a peaceful country with friendly people. ■



Malawi Participates in the Indo–Africa Exim Bank Conference



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho (extreme right), High Commissioner of Malawi to India and Mr. Davie Wirima (second from right), Deputy Director of Debt and Aid in the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Elias Tsokalida (third from right), Ministry of Foreign Affairs attending the Indo–Africa Exim Bank Conference in New Delhi, India

The Indo-Africa Conference on Indian sponsored lines of credit (LoC) to African countries was held from 22 to 23 November 2011 in New Delhi. It was organized by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Indian government in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance of India, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Export – Import (Exim) Bank of India, and was officially opened by Mr. S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs of the Government of India. Over one hundred delegates from fortyone African countries attended the conference. Malawi delegation to the conference comprised Mr. Davie Wirima, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning; and Mr. Elias Tsokalida, Ministry of

Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, accompanied by Mr. Alfred Vilili, Counsellor at the Malawi High Commission, led the Malawi delegation at the conference. The main objective of the conference was to sensitize African government officials responsible for executing the Indian Exim Bank LoC on procedures for processing of lines of credit, particularly in readiness for the US\$5 billion which India pledged to give to African countries from 2011 to 2014.

In his remarks when he inaugurated the conference, whose theme was, Indian Lines of Credit: An Instrument to Enhance India-

Africa Partnership, the Minister of External Affairs, Hon. S.M. Krishna welcomed the delegates to the conference and informed them that the conference was held to discuss how India and African countries could work together to achieve the goals of ensuring inclusive growth and sustainable development. He acknowledged that both India and African countries were facing similar challenges in transforming their economies for the well-being and prosperity of their countries' citizens. Hon Krishna informed the conference that "India will work with Africa to realize its vast potential." He said that India believes that a new vision was required for Africa's development and participation in global affairs and that India was



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ready to share its experience with Africa. He wished the delegates fruitful discussion on policies, procedures and methodology on how to access and make best use of Indian LoC.

In the plenary session of the conference, senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, EXIM Bank and the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) made presentations on procedures for accessing Indian LoC focusing on the operational guidelines. The African delegates were informed that preparation of bankable projects was a prerequisite for accessing the LoC facility. Delegates were also provided with



Mr. T.C.A. Rangarajan, Chairman and Managing Director of Exim Bank speaking at the Indo-Africa Exim Bank Conference in New Delhi, India



Participants at the Indo-Africa Exim Bank Conference in New Delhi, India

information on specific sectors that were considered crucial for Africa, namely: railways, information and communication technology, agricultural irrigation, infrastructure development, hydro and thermo-power generation, power transmission and rural electrification. The Indian companies and institutions in their presentations expressed willingness to partner with African

countries in implementing various projects.

Speaking at the end of the conference, Mr. Davie Wirima, Deputy Director for Debt and Aid in the Malawi Ministry of Finance, said that the lines of credit were playing a crucial part in the development of Malawi. Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr Chrissie Chawanje Mughogo, said that the lines of

credit provided by India have greatly assisted Malawi in various spheres of development. She said Malawi has so far accessed three lines of credit. The first was disbursed in 2010 to the tune of US\$30 million and was earmarked for One Village One Product (OVOP) Project. The second chunk of US\$ 50 million was made available in 2010 for the Greenbelt Programme. A further US\$100 million line of credit which was pledged during the state visit of His Excellency late President of Malawi, Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika, yet to be disbursed, has been earmarked for enhancing the Greenbelt Programme and the construction of oil storage facilities.

India's lines of credit have become popular with African countries as they are demand-driven. The credit lines have become a unique development tool for promoting bilateral relationships between India and African countries as they are founded on mutual respect, appreciation and understanding. In addition to being demand driven, the lines of credit are given on generous terms. ■



Taxation can Promote Equality: Theme of the 4th International Tax Dialogue

Addressing growing inequalities is now at the centre of the political debate and all countries are taking different actions to address it. Increasing inequality reaches far beyond economic implications, raising a number of political and ethical questions which have wide-ranging consequences for the future of all societies.

Globalization and the sustainable growth paths of many economies in transition and developed countries

equality as a key to social cohesion remains a priority for every society. Moreover, the structural linkages between growth and inequality raise difficult issues about how best to raise taxes in a way which contributes to both growth and equitable development

It was against this background that the International Tax Dialogue (ITD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Government of India organized the 4th International Tax

Government of India, inaugurated the conference. Other dignitaries present at the conference included Mr. Wang Jun, China's Vice-Minister of Finance; Mr. Min Zhu, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund; Mr. Otaviano Canuto, Vice-President of the World Bank; and Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Malawi delegation to the conference was comprised of four



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho (left), High Commissioner of Malawi to India welcoming, at the Chancery, Mr. K Matupa (in centre), Director of Revenue, Ministry of Finance and delegates to the 4th International Tax Dialogue in New Delhi, India

have produced impressive results in terms of economic growth, social development and poverty reduction. However, the benefits of stronger growth have not always been shared equally and income inequality has remained at very high levels. Achieving greater

Dialogue under the theme, Tax can promote equality from 7 to 9 December 2011 in New Delhi. More than 400 senior tax policymakers and administrators from 89 countries participated in the conference. Hon. Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance,

officials: Mr. Kenneth C. Matupa Director of Revenue, Ministry of Finance; Mr. James M.W. Kenani, Economist, Ministry of Finance; Mrs. Nellie Jimu, Director, Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA), and Mr. Rein Mwangonde from the civil society.



In his inaugural address, the Minister of Finance, Hon. Pranab Mukherjee, welcomed the participants and outlined the background to the conference. The Minister informed the conference that “the present phase of globalization has brought us closer to each other than at any point in the history of human civilization.” He informed the participants that the multifaceted integration of societies had created a collective destiny, unifying many countries’ development concerns and that it was, therefore, desirable to have a periodic international dialogue on economic concerns that affect lives in member countries.

The Minister informed the conference that an efficient tax system was a fundamental requirement for sustainable development of any nation. He said taxes underwrite the capacity of a nation to implement its development and welfare goals and that it was a means to promote equity in the distribution of gains from economic growth in a country like India.

The Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Mr. Min Zhu, informed the conference that the aim of the ITD was to foster an inclusive international dialogue on tax matters of common interest.

In line with the theme of the conference, participants discussed various topical issues including: design of growth-enhancing and equitable tax systems; administrative challenges; issues and solutions for fair tax systems; income taxes; inequality across regions; inequality and the role of the tax systems; gender friendly tax systems; taxation of elites and inequality; fair tax systems vital for state-building and an exit from aid dependency; and the role of taxation in reducing inequalities in income and wealth. The conference tried to identify which policies had failed and which could play a greater role in reducing inequalities in the future. It was noted that in the last few years, economic developments and globalization had affected the distribution of income,

wealth, and living standards of many people in the world.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), informed the participants that there was need to show the world that the gains and the benefits of globalization were being fairly shared. He informed the participants that politicians should provide proper economic policy directions in order to ensure that there was no backlash against globalization as countries could move back towards protectionism. Mr. Tamaki reminded the participants that the conference had shown that “smart” tax policies could reconcile sustainable growth with inequalities. He urged the participants to renew their efforts in finding solutions to tax inequalities. He further requested the participants to identify what tax policies were workable and which ones were not in reducing inequalities. He then appealed to the participants to continue the debate on tax in order to keep up the momentum on the subject, saying, “the discussion should not stop with the end of the conference.” He informed the conference that ITD would be visiting some of the countries to assess whether what had been discussed at the conference was having real impact. Mr. Tamaki informed the conference that ITD in collaboration with its partners will hold a series of regional meetings in Asia, Latin America, and in Africa. He also said ITD would provide support to countries to help them develop and implement tax administration and policy reforms.

Also speaking when he closed the conference, Mr. R S. Gujral, Finance and Revenue Secretary, Government of India, noted that the conference had raised many issues that could help in reducing inequalities. He cautioned

participants to the conference to desist from thinking that the solutions, which the conference had identified, were a panacea for every case. He said there was need to adapt the solutions to different economic situations and demographics.

The ITD is a joint initiative of various organizations working on tax issues: the International Monetary Fund (IMF); the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the World Bank; the European Commission; the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB); and the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administration (CIAT). Global conferences of the ITD have established a reputation of providing a unique opportunity for those engaged in making decisions about tax to discuss global issues.

Speaking on behalf of the Malawi delegation at the end of the conference, Mr. Kenneth Matupa thanked the organizers for inviting Malawi to participate in the conference. He said the Malawi delegation had learnt a lot from the conference.

Prior to attending the conference, the Malawi delegation paid a courtesy call on the High Commissioner, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho. In a brief meeting held at the chancery of the Malawi High Commission, the High Commissioner welcomed the delegation to India. She thanked the Malawi Government for sending the delegates to the conference. She informed the delegation that since the state visit of the late President to India in November 2010, the Mission had seen a surge in the number of delegates coming to attend conferences and business meetings in India and vice-versa. She expressed the hope that lessons learnt from the conference would help Malawi to improve tax administration and wished the delegation fruitful deliberations. ■



Hydrocarbon Sector has a Direct Bearing on Economic Growth



The Indian Finance Minister, Hon. Pranab Mukherjee addressing the 3rd India-Africa Hydrocarbons Conference, in New Delhi on December 09, 2011

The 3rd India- Africa Hydrocarbons Conference was held at the Grand Hotel in New Delhi on 9 and 10 December 2011. It was organized by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Its main objective was to foster bilateral trade relations in the hydrocarbon sector, understanding policy and regulatory frameworks and offering opportunities for investment in upstream and downstream sector of India and Africa.

Delegates to the conference were: policy makers from India and Africa; leading international and national energy companies;

regulatory agencies; oil sector service providers; petrochemicals companies; shipping, pipeline and transportation companies; engineering and construction companies; equipment manufacturers; international and domestic banking, insurance and institutional investors; consultants and legal experts. The Malawi delegation at the conference was led by the Secretary for Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, Mr. Ben Botolo who was accompanied by Mr. Saiwa of Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA); and Mr. Khumbolawo Mulumbeni Lungu, Chief Energy Officer, Department of Energy Affairs and Mr. Alfred Vilili, Counsellor at the Malawi High Commission.

The Indian Minister of Finance, Hon. Pranab Mukherjee, accompanied by the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Jaipal Reddy inaugurated the conference.

In his inaugural speech, Hon. Mukherjee said that he was very happy to see the presence of many African dignitaries at the conference highlighting that the attendance of African representatives reinforced the mutual commitment to further deepen the cooperation between India and Africa, particularly in the vital energy sector. He informed the conference that if properly developed, the hydrocarbon sector has great potential to spur the rate of economic growth in many countries in the world.



Hon. Mukherjee noted that Africa was increasingly becoming a source of oil with recently discovered hydrocarbons in Egypt, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Uganda, Angola, Gabon, Ghana, Cameroon, Mozambique, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire and others. The conference was informed that in the recent past India's capacity in refining of oil had placed the country on 5th position in the world accounting for 4% of the world's refining capacity.

The Minister informed the conference that India was importing increasing quantities of oil and gas from Africa and exporting back increasing quantities of refined petroleum products. The conference underscored the need for the two regions to enter into a long-term and self-sustaining relationship, based on interdependence and reciprocity. As India's refineries have already begun exporting petroleum products to markets in Africa, and it is expected that trade in this sector will blossom even further.

Hon Mukherjee further informed the conference that India has considerable expertise in hydrocarbon value chain, starting from the upstream to the downstream, from construction and operation of pipelines to marketing infrastructure and retail networks, Engineers India Limited and other companies in the sphere of design, engineering and project management consultancy. He said, with such enormous expertise, Indian companies were ready to assist Africa in petroleum refineries, petrochemicals, oil and gas processing, laying of cross-country pipelines, setting up terminals and depots. He informed the conference that already Indian companies have implemented projects for the National Oil Companies of Algeria, Cameroon, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana and Mauritius.



The Secretary for Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, Mr. Ben Botolo (extreme right) and Mr. Saiwa (second from right) of Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority; and Mr. Khumbolawo Lungu (third from right), Chief Energy Officer, Department of Energy Affairs attending the 2nd Hydro-Carbon Conference in New Delhi

The Minister informed the conference that the thrust of India's approach to Africa was to build an enduring partnership for sustainable development, based on principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit. The conference was further informed that India's oil companies were ready to offer training to 450 technical personnel from Africa's oil and gas sector over the next three years, under the umbrella of the India-Africa Forum Grants in aid for human resource development and capacity building.

The Minister concluded by assuring the delegates to the conference that the India-Africa Hydrocarbons Conference was not a one off event but an integral part of an emerging India-Africa partnership in the hydrocarbon sector.

Other eminent speakers at the conference were Ministers of Energy from Africa. They all underscored the need for India and Africa to work together in promoting and building capacities for production of oil and gas.

Delegates to the conference were unanimous in their appreciation of the important role the last two conferences played in creating a better understanding of the capabilities of India and Africa in the field of oil and gas. Delegates noted that the 3rd India-Africa conference had provided the stakeholders an opportunity to interact and discuss potential equity investments, joint ventures, technology transfer for oil and gas infrastructure facilities, consultancy services, supply of equipment and human resource development. The conference also opened a window for developing strategies for further enhancing mutual trade and investment and understanding the opportunities and challenges which the two regions face in exploration and utilization of hydrocarbon resources. The high-level dialogue with policy makers and business leaders was a perfect forum for business networking and development of opportunities with key stakeholders in the energy sector. ■



Malawi Participates in the First India-Africa Science and Technology Ministers Conference

Hon. Mrs. Ottria Moyo Jere, Deputy Minister of Education, Science and Technology in Malawi attended the first India-Africa Science and Technology Ministers conference held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi from 1 to 2 March 2012. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Mr. Phadzula, Director, Science and Technology in the Department of Science and Technology in Malawi; H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Malawi's High

Commissioner to India, and the Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Kennedy Moyo. The conference was organized by the Indian Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the African Union Commission with the aim of strengthening scientific and technological engagements between India and the African Union. Thirty-one African ministers and one hundred and three delegates participated in the conference. Shri Vilasrao

Deshmukh, Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India inaugurated the Conference.

In his inaugural speech, Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh welcomed the ministers and all delegates to the conference. He informed the conference that being the first India-Africa Science and Technology Ministers conference, its main task was to draw a new platform and a concrete road map for cooperation in science,



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technology and innovation for India and Africa, which he said would be based on principles of a shared vision, mutual understanding and goodwill.

The minister then gave a brief background to the conference. He said the idea of organizing the conference was mooted at the India-Africa Forum Summit which was held in New Delhi in 2008. At the conference the Rt. Hon. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, announced substantive commitments of India to engage with African countries. The Minister said in this engagement between Africa and India, Science and Technology Cooperation Initiative would be one of the hallmarks of the cooperation. The Minister informed the conference that in pursuance of the Summit declaration, the Department of Science and Technology in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs and the African Union, had since the year 2010 been drafting a new Africa-India Science and Technology Programme. Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh also said that the Prime Minister of India also announced substantive commitments of India to engage with African countries during the second summit in Addis Ababa in 2011.

The Minister informed the conference that the aim of the draft initiative was to proactively develop science and technology linkages with institutions in African countries with primary focus on enhancement of capacity building and development of human resources in research and development. The Minister informed the conference that under the African Science and Technology Initiative, considerable progress had been made, including the launching of the annual C.V. Raman International Fellowships which offer a large number of fellowships to scientists from Africa at different stages of their

careers to undertake research work with their counterparts in Indian research and technology institutions and universities. The Minister then expressed his belief that through these fellowships new scientific relationships and cultural connections between India and Africa could be promoted further. The Minister also informed the delegates that this will open an opportunity for science and engineering students at the Masters and PhD levels from Africa to undertake student internships at Indian research institutions.

Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh requested the conference to consider ways which could facilitate interaction and collaboration in science and technology between India and Africa. The options included: Visits of expert delegation from India to African countries for identification of an initial set of potential sectors for technology transfer/collaboration; Organization of joint workshops, technology expo, road shows for requirement assessment and feasibility study; Identification of agencies that can provide technology transfer to Africa; develop appropriate linkages between industry associations and SMEs to facilitate technology transfers; and facilitating technology transfer and establishment of pilot scale demonstration plants in Africa.

Mr. Jean Pierre O Ezin, Commissioner of Human Resources, Science and Technology of the African Union Commission, in his speech at the inaugural session, called for strengthening of ties between India and Africa in sectors of research and development, human resource development and exchange of technical know-how. He informed the conference that there exists an enormous potential for cooperation in science and technology between India and Africa given the fact that both

Africa and India were emerging economies, share common problems and had to meet the aspirations of their people. Mr. Ezin said he was confident that India and Africa could create a long-term strategic partnership in transfer of technical know-how.

Dr. Nadia Eskander Zakhary, chairperson of the African Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology (AMCOST) who is also Minister of Scientific Research in Egypt called on India to provide support in capacity building in human resource and in science and technology.

In her presentation, the Malawi Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, Hon. Mrs. Otría Moyo Jere, said that Malawi was happy to be associated with the science and technology conference and that Malawi was keen to establish cooperation with India. In this regard, the Minister presented to the conference some of the specific areas in which Malawi and India could cooperate. The specific areas included: establishment of a joint committee on scientific and technological cooperation which shall facilitate the areas of cooperation; implementation of collaborative research projects between scientists in Malawi and India in specified sciences, technology and innovation areas; facilitate exchange visits by research fellows and other stakeholders from the two countries to undertake joint research projects; patenting and utilization of intellectual property rights from products of research.

Commenting on the conference, Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, said she was pleased with the enthusiasm of the delegates and the progress made at the meeting. She said if the momentum initiated at the conference continues, India and Africa were on the right path to promoting collaboration in science and technology. ■



Malawi Participates in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization



The Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh (fifth from left), who was chief guest at the golden jubilee celebrations, posing with a group of AARDO member countries. Second from left is Malawi Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hon. Mrs. Chimango Mughogho Gondwe (second from far right), representing Malawi at the celebrations

The golden jubilee celebrations of Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) were held in New Delhi from 5 to 7 March 2011. AARDO was established in 1962 to foster Afro-Asian collaboration to promote rural poverty reduction and build capacity as well as human capital in member countries. Starting with five founder members in 1962, namely, India, Egypt, Japan, Libya and Malaysia, the group now has 30 members, 15 of which are from Africa and 14 from Asia as full members with one country as an associate member. Malawi is a member of the Executive Committee of the organization and participated in the jubilee celebrations of the organization. Malawi delegation was led by the Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hon. Mrs.

Chimango Mughogho Gondwe. She was accompanied by Mr. Stewart Ligomeka, Secretary for Local Government and Rural Development and Mr. Joseph Magwira, Director of Rural Development in the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development. H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Malawi's High Commission to India, and Mr. Kennedy Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner also attended the jubilee celebrations. Other member countries that attended the celebrations were Egypt, Ghana, Oman, Liberia, Malaysia, Syria, Zambia and India. Prime Minister of India, Rt. Hon. Dr. Manmohan Singh, officially inaugurated the jubilee celebrations.

In his inaugural speech, the Prime Minister of India, Rt. Hon. Dr. Manmohan Singh, informed the gathering that war on poverty

and rebuilding rural areas were vital for sustainable development. The Prime Minister reminded the gathering that seventy-five percent of the world's poor live in Asia and Africa, and that challenges faced by people of these two continents were daunting. He said, "Today, the challenges we face are different but equally daunting. There are threats to international peace. The processes of globalization and the growing inter-dependence among nations pose fundamental challenges to our economic sustenance." The Prime Minister informed the gathering that the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization had the potential "of playing a vital role in our collective battle" against hunger, disease and despair that afflict large segments of populations in the two continents.



In his remarks, Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Rural Development, Government of India, announced that the Prime Minister had approved a grant of \$200,000 for each of the AARDO members to cater for education and skill development. The Minister also announced that India will provide seventeen fellowships to member countries in the field of agriculture.

One of the highlights of the celebrations was the honour given to Professor Kwamena Ahwoi, Principal Lecturer at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, with an award for his immense contribution to Ghana's decentralization, local government administration and rural development.

A seminar on Rural Development Retrospect and Prospects was also held as part of the celebrations where, a number of papers were presented by discussants. Mr. Stewart Ligomeka, Secretary for Local Government and Rural Development presented paper entitled Emerging Challenges for Rural Development in the New Millennium. He highlighted the challenges that were impacting negatively on efforts of countries in Asia and Africa on their path towards rural development. He outlined some of the challenges as: adverse impact of climate change; increasing water scarcity; biodiversity and ecosystem loss; desertification; low resilience to natural disasters; potential non-achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); energy crisis, food crisis; limited benefits from globalization; health security and the global financial crisis. He then focused on recommendations on the selected areas outlined above.

At the end of the seminar, members came up with a communiqué, which, among other things, reaffirmed that AARDO was an indispensable common organization of the Afro-Asian rural population through which members would seek realization of their commitment to eradicate poverty and bridging rural-urban divide.

The Malawi Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hon. Chimango Mughogho Gondwe, delivered a speech in which she reaffirmed Malawi's support and commitment to the ideals of AARDO. The Minister's speech is appended below.

Statement by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development Hon. Chimango Mughogho Gondwe, M.P during the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) held in New Delhi, India from 5 to 7 March 2012

Excellencies, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I bring with me fraternal greetings and best wishes from the State President of the Republic of Malawi Ngwazi Prof. Bingu wa Mutharika and the people of Malawi as we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Our Organization.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there are moments in time of incredible bravery and heroism. There are moments in history when a few brave men and women stand up to be counted. Here they draw the line and say they will stand and fight. Their stand may be small in comparison to the great battles in which thousands perish. Yet, perhaps, they achieve even more through their spirit, courage and determination. When principles hold fast against huge and overwhelming odds no matter what the outcome, victory is theirs. AARDO in March 1962 in Cairo, Egypt was one such moment.

Today, Mr. Chairman, we are commemorating 50 years of the existence of our organization because of the bravery of very few countries that saw the need for African and Asian countries to come together, start exchanging experiences and ensure mutual

help and promote sustainable agriculture and rural development in our member countries.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, let's remember that a staggering 75% of the world's poor live in rural areas. And yet resources and policies continue to be biased in favour of urban development. With rural areas not able to provide enough opportunities for people to sustain their lives, Mr. Chairman, the burden of supporting the poor and rural population falls increasingly upon our cities.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and Gentlemen, the growing number of rural poor seeking work in cities is stretching social and physical infrastructure and economic opportunities in the urban areas beyond their capacity. In this regard, Mr. Chairman, I continue to applaud the decision that was made in Cairo in 1962 to constitute AARDO.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, for our economies to grow, we need to pay more attention to developing our rural areas and the battle against rural poverty requires multi-faceted efforts, proper coordination and commitment from all of us.

Mr. Chairman, let me assure you of Malawi's commitment to the goals, values and mission of AARDO because we hold the belief that rural areas are the engines of economic growth.

Mr. Chairman, I will be failing in my duties if I do not thank the organizers of this Golden Jubilee celebration and the Government of India for the proper arrangements and good hospitality accorded to my delegation since we arrived. We are not talking this for granted.

Lastly Mr. Chairman, On behalf of the Government of Malawi, let me wish all the best to the leadership of AARDO and the entire membership as we continue celebrating our 50th year of existence. Long live Africa, long live Asia, and long live AARDO. ■

God bless you all Thank you very much



Hon. John Bande attends India-Africa Trade Ministers Meeting in New Delhi



Hon. John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade and Mr. Newby Kumwembe, Secretary for Industry and Trade at the India-Africa Trade and Industry Ministers Meeting in New Delhi

Hon John Bande, Minister of Industry and Trade was among the twelve African Trade and Industry Ministers that attended the 2nd India-Africa Trade and Industry Ministers Meeting held in New Delhi on 17 March 2012. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss how India and African countries could promote their bilateral trade. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Maxwell M. Mkwezalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union Commission, and Hon Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Textiles, Government of India. Other Ministers that attended the meeting were from Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Liberia, Namibia, Togo,, Uganda, and Zambia.

In his speech when he officially inaugurated the meeting, Hon.

Anand Sharma welcomed the African Trade and Industry ministers and thanked them for coming to the meeting. In his remarks, Dr. Maxwell Nkwezalamba thanked the Indian Government for its commitment to assist Africa through the African Union in various spheres of development.

During the meeting, the Indian and African ministers revised the target of India-Africa bilateral trade which was initially set at US\$ 70 billion in 2008. The ministers noted with satisfaction that India-Africa bilateral trade had already reached US\$ 60 billion in the year 2011 and that the target of US\$ 70 billion could easily be attained before 2015. Therefore, the ministers decided to revise the target to US\$ 90 billion by 2015.

The African ministers took cognizance of the important role being played by the Pan-African institutions that were being set up by the Indian government under the umbrella of the 'India-Africa Forum Summit', for capacity building and human resource development in Africa. The institutions are: India-Africa Institute of Foreign Trade; the India-Africa Diamond Institute; India-Africa Institute of Educational Planning and Administration; the India-Africa Institute of Information Technology; India-Africa Food Processing Cluster; India-Africa Integrated Textile Cluster; India-Africa Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting; India-Africa University for Life and Earth Sciences; India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development; and India-Africa Civil Aviation Academy.





Malawi delegation to the India-Africa Trade Ministers meeting (from left) Mr. Kenson M'bwana, Mr. Lewis Mhango, Dr. Maxwell Mkwenzalamba, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, Mr. Newby Kumwembe, Ms Esther Mwimba, Mr. Renech Matemba and Mr. Alfred Vilili

During the meeting, the Ministers launched the India-Africa Business Council (IABC). The mandate of the council is to promote and enhance economic and commercial relations between India and Africa and also identify and address issues which hinder growth of economic partnership between India and Africa. The core sectors of cooperation which will be explored by IABC include agriculture, agro-processing, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, textiles, mining, petroleum and natural gas, information communication technology (ICT), banking, financial services (including microfinance), energy, and infrastructure including roads and railways. The IABC will be co-chaired by Mr. Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Group from India side and Mr. Alhaji Aliko Dangote, President and Chief Executive, Dangote Group, Nigeria representing African countries. Malawi is represented by Mr. Dyborn Chibonga, Chief Executive of the National Smallholder Farmers' Association of Malawi (NASFAM).

Another hallmark of the 2nd India- Africa Trade and Industry ministers meeting was the launch of the Cotton Technical Assistance Programme in the C-4 countries (Burkina Faso, Benin, Chad,



The Indian Minister for Commerce & Industry and Textiles, Mr. Anand Sharma addressing the India Africa Business Council Meet, in New Delhi on March 17, 2012. (On the far right) Dr. Maxwell Mkwenzalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union.

Mali). Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia were also included in the programme. The Technical Assistance Programme in the cotton sector is an initiative of the Government of India under the umbrella of the 'India-Africa Forum Summit' and is aimed at providing technical assistance to the above cotton growing countries to build capacity and technical expertise in order to achieve competitiveness in cotton production. The project will address value addition gaps in cotton and textiles and it is envisaged that the project will

generate employment for 60,000 textiles workers in Africa.

During the meeting, the trade and industry ministers reiterated their commitment to the conclusion of the Doha development agenda with development dimension as its core focus in the World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral negotiations.

The India-Africa Trade Ministers Meeting is an annual event. The First meeting was held in Addis Ababa in May 2011 on the occasion of the 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit. ■



Malawi Benefits from India's Technical Assistance Programmes

In a true spirit of south-south cooperation, India continues to provide technical assistance to many developing countries, including Malawi, under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and Special Commonwealth Assistance for the Africa Programme (SCAAP). Over one hundred Malawians have benefitted from these programmes. Recently, Malawians have attended courses in energy, information communication technology (ICT), human resource management, highway construction, international trade and food processing. The courses were offered at the following centres: The Energy and Resources Institute; the Institute of Applied Manpower Research; Aptec; the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology; and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

The Energy and Resources Institute

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) was established in 1974 with the purpose of tackling and dealing with the problems that are caused on account of the gradual depletion of the earth's finite energy resources which are largely non-renewable and also air pollution. The institute is located in New Delhi and has grown and established its presence not only in different corners and regions of India but also in North America, Europe, Japan, Malaysia and the Gulf. The strength of the Institute lies in its research programmes which provide solutions to specific problems through technologies. It has over 900 dedicated staff and conducts training and demonstrations on how to adapt their proven

appropriate technologies in rural areas.

The global presence and reach attained by TERI are not only substantiated by its presence in different parts of the world, but also in terms of the wide geographical relevance of its activities. For example TERI organizes an annual Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) which is a major event that focuses on sustainable development, in pursuit of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In 1998, the institute established the TERI University which offers Masters and PhD degree programmes.

Under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, the Institute organized a course on designing and implementation of Solar Energy-based Livelihood Projects for Rural Communities which was held in New Delhi from 2 to 30 September 2011. Mrs. Temwani Gunda, Economist in the Department of Energy, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment in Malawi attended the course together with 20 middle-management level officials from various energy departments from 14 African countries, Asia and the Pacific Islands. The main objective of the course was to build the capacity of organizations and individuals from developing countries and to enable them to apply the enhanced knowledge and skills in large-scale generation of sustainable livelihoods through utilization of solar photovoltaic technologies which convert energy from sunlight directly into electricity using large arrays of solar panels. The goal



Mrs. Temwani Gunda (first from right in front row), Economist in the Department of Energy, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment in Malawi and other participants attending the course at the Energy and Resources Institute



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was to promote solar technology and improving energy access in rural areas through creation of micro-energy enterprises to meet the local energy needs. A wide range of topics were covered in the course including: introduction to solar technology; economics; operations and maintenance; project management and design of business models; and monitoring and evaluation of projects. The training also included exposure visits to solar energy and manufacturing facilities in India. The course was structured to provide both theoretical understanding through classroom sessions, and hands-on experience on how technology works through study tours, exposure visits, and interactive sessions with TERI's professional staff.

Institute of Applied Manpower Research

The Institute of Applied Manpower Research is a public institution specializing in training of human resources personnel. Established by the Government of India in 1962, the institute is located in New Delhi. The institute is affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and offers many short courses and a long-term training programme leading



Mr. Bright Kazembe and Mr. Henry Lipita at Institute of Applied Manpower Research

to award of Masters degree in human resource development. Under the ITEC programme, the institute offered a one year Masters Degree programme in human resource planning and development for officers drawn from Central and Eastern Europe, Caribbean, Africa, East Asia, Central Asia and South East Asia. Mr. Bright Kazembe, Principal Human Resource Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malawi; and Henry Lipita Human Resource Officer, Malawi Revenue Authority, attended the course. In a nutshell, the course covered a wide range of subjects including human resource planning;

human resource development and management; employment policy preparation and labour market information systems. The course structure included lectures, workshops, group discussions, case studies, project work and study tours to various academic institutions in India.

Mr. Kazembe and Mr. Lipita graduated with Masters degree in Human Resource Planning and Development on 27 January 2012 at a convocation held at the Habitat Centre in New Delhi. Mr. Kennedy Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner at the Malawi High Commission, attended the graduation congregation on behalf of the Malawi High Commission.



Mr. Bright Kazembe (centre in front row), Principal Human Resource Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Malawi; and Mr. Henry Lipita (left in front row) Human Resource Officer graduating in Masters of Human Resource after study at Institute of Applied Manpower Research

Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology

The Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology is located in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu State. The mandate of the Institute at its inception was to find solutions for preserving high moisture paddy because the paddy harvest season in southern India coincided with the tail end of the south west monsoon. Considering the vital importance of strengthening research and development in the post-harvest processing, preservation and value addition





Malawians among the participants to the training course on Food processing held from 15 to 29 February 2012 in Tamil Nadu

of raw agricultural produce, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) strengthened and upgraded the institute in 2008 to become the Indian Institute of Crop Processing Technology (IICPT). The IICPT with its modern and state of the art laboratories is equipped to handle research and development of food grain processing, value addition, by-product utilization through bio-processing, process and product development. The institute offers short- term and long-term undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes in food processing engineering.

Recently the institute organized a short course on food processing from 15 to 29 February 2012 for Kenya, Uganda and Malawi. Six participants from Malawi attended the course: Ms. Rachael Mthiko, Mrs. Khonje; Dr. Mwabumba; Mr. Sebastian Phiri; Mr. Kingsley Masamba; and Mr. Chivundu-Ngulube from Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The main objective of the course was to enhance knowledge on value addition and preservation of locally produced food commodities like bananas, carrots, green beans and Irish

potatoes; processing of sugarcane into juice, methods of ripening bananas, and processing of different milk products like ghee and many other food items. The course covered: cold supply chain logistics and management, ripening of bananas, pre-cooling, and minimal processing, Trainees were also introduced to novel methods for treating the food industries waste by solar drying and also how to maximize profits in food business ventures.

Foreign Trade Institute

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was set up in 1963 by the Government of India as an autonomous organization to train officers involved in foreign trade and to increase exports of the country. The institute runs programmes which are aimed at developing human resources and providing skills for generating, analyzing and disseminating data as well as conducting research in trade matters. The institute offers



Ms Mary Magada (left) and Ms Dalitso Bonongwe attended a short course at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade





Mr. Thomas Kaluvi with diplomats at the Malawi High Commission. (From left) Ms Bertha Msusa, Mr. Bennex Kasandulika, Mr. Thomas Kaluvi, and Mr. Henry Zulu

long-term training programmes for a Bachelor of Arts degree specializing in international business, which are conducted in New Delhi, Kolkata, and Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania; three-year MBA (international business) (part-time) in New Delhi and in Kolkata; an Executive Masters Programme in international business in New Delhi. The Institute also offers a short term

Certificate Programme in Export Management in New Delhi.

IIFT has, over the years, undertaken various research studies in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank, UNCTAD and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The Institute has also trained more than 40,000

business professionals across 30 countries in various facets of international business and trade policy through its Management Development Programmes. Recently the Institute organized a short course on Executive Development Programme on International Business for African participants at its centre in New Delhi from 12 to 23 March 2012. Ms. Dalitso Bonongwe and Ms. Mary Magada from Reserve Bank of Malawi attended the course.

Aptech Limited

Aptech is an international information, communication and information (ICT) training institute. It commenced its education and training business in 1986 and has globally trained over 6.4 million students. Aptech has presence in more than 40 countries with over 1305 centres of learning across the world. Aptech offers career and professional training courses in computer education, arena animation, cinematic (both in animation and multimedia), Aptech hardware and networking academy, Aptech aviation and other courses. In addition Aptech provides training to corporations in Development (Aptech Learning Services), Training and Assessment Solutions for corporates and institutions (Aptech Training Solutions, Aptech Assessment and Testing Solutions).

Under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation, Aptech organized a 10-week training course for officials responsible for ICT from various countries at the Aptech Training centre in New Delhi. Mr. Thomas Kaluvi from National Research Council in Malawi attended the course from 21 October to 29 December, 2011. The programme which was sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, brought together 70 participants from 39 different countries. The course focused



Mr. Thomas Kaluvi (first left) attended a short course on Information Communication and Technology at Aptech Training Centre in New Delhi





Participants to the Highway Design and Construction for Engineers from Africa at the Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) formerly known as NITHE posing for a group photo in Noida in March, 2012

on web design and covered the following topics: Photoshop, flash, JavaScript and Dreamweaver.

Commenting on the course, Mr. Kaluvi said the course as very essential for Malawi particularly for his job as a librarian as it covered many areas of computing such as web design and Power Point presentation skills.

Indian Academy of Highway Engineers

Indian Academy of Highway Engineers is the apex training institute established in 1983 with the objective of training public and private engineers specializing in construction of highways and bridges in India. It was initially located in New Delhi but in September 2001 the institute was relocated to the new campus in Noida.

In addition to providing training to Indian engineers, the institute also provides various training programs to international professionals and engineers in highway design and construction. Recently, the academy in collaboration with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, organized a training programme on highway design and construction for engineers from Africa under the India Technical Assistance Programme (ITEC). The programme which run from 5 to 24 March 2012 was organized to equip the engineers with skills of highway and bridge construction and the course covered a wide range of subjects including modern survey techniques for alignment and assessment of road and bridge conditions; essentials of quality control for road construction; soil

testing, aggregates, bitumen and cement quality control; design of flexible pavements; safety audit and highway structure; planning and erection of precast structures; design and construction of flyovers and expressways; hydrology and drainage surveys.

Mr. Omare Lastes Jussa, Regional Engineer in the Department of Plant Hire and Vehicle Organization (PVHO) in Malawi attended a short course. Other participants to the course were drawn from: Togo, Niger; Liberia, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Benin, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Nigeria, Mauritius, and Burundi. The training was conducted by experts from India and Japan and at the end of the course participants were awarded proficiency certificates. ■



Study Tours to India

Coordinators from the Malawi Local Economic Development Technical Support Team draw lessons from India

Realizing that India has one of the most vibrant Micro, Small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the world, a delegation of fourteen facilitators of Micro, Small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the Local Economic Development Technical Support Team, a project under the Ministry of Finance in Malawi was in India from 8 to 13 March 2012. The delegation was led by Mr. Mike Moyo, Director of Urban Development. The main objective of the tour was to learn how the Government of India was supporting the MSME sector.

As soon as the delegation arrived in New Delhi on 8 April 2012 they called upon the Malawi High Commissioner, Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, the same day. In her welcome remarks the High Commissioner informed the delegation that it was good that

the delegation had chosen India for the study tour. She explained that India was one of the few countries in the world that had a resilient MSME sector and hoped that the Malawi delegation would learn from India's experience.

On 9 April 2012 the delegation had a meeting with MSME officials at the office of Deputy Commissioner of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises and in the afternoon of the same day the delegation visited the MSME Testing Centre in New Delhi. On 10 April 2012 the delegation set up early in the morning for a visit to a rice mill cluster in Karnal, some 250 km away from New Delhi in the state of Haryana. At the rice mill cluster, they were hosted by Mr. Vijay Kumar, Director of the Centre, which is an agency of the Ministry of MSMEs. On 11 April 2012, the delegation visited the National

Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) in Noida in the State of Uttar Pradesh. On 12 April 2012 the delegation visited the National Small Scale Industries (NSIC) in New Delhi where they learnt a lot about value addition technologies.

At the inception meeting held at the headquarters of the Ministry of MSMEs, the Malawi delegation was received by a team of experts of the Ministry led by Mr. Pankaj, Director of MSMEs. After welcoming the delegation, he informed the delegation that the role of the Ministry was basically to develop the policy framework for development of MSMEs and to coordinate the implementation of the policy. Mr. Pankaj informed the delegation that the Ministry has a number of MSME support institutions which



Delegation from Malawi Local Economic Development Technical Support Team led by Mr. Mike Moyo, Director of the Local Development Technical Support Programme in Malawi, (seated on the far left) visits MSME Testing Centre in New Delhi



are spread all over the country. The Director explained that the MSME policy focuses on the core areas which are crucial for the development of MSMEs and these include: access to finance, access to technology, access to markets and access to information. The Director further explained that in recognition of the vulnerability of the sector and in order to reduce the number of business failures, Government put in place deliberate policies aimed at assisting new businesses to survive and grow in the harsh environment. He informed the delegation that such support measures included credit guarantee schemes and government procurement schemes. He explained that the Ministry is also involved in creating an enabling environment for MSMEs. He explained that in order to ensure that MSMEs operate in a fairly friendly environment, the Ministry developed the MSMEs Act in 2006. Furthermore, to underscore the importance of the MSME sector, the Prime Minister of India set up a Prime Ministers Support Scheme which operates from his office whose members are high profile and eminent professionals.

A visit to the testing centre gave the delegation an appreciation of the importance of testing before they are launched on the market. The centre carries out tests for electrical appliances, cement, processed food, soaps and other products to ensure that they meet high quality standards required by the industrial and consumers. The centre carries out tests at affordable cost in relation to national bureau of standards, thereby allowing MSMEs to minimize production costs.

During a visit to the rice cluster in Karnal, the delegation visited smallscale rice processing plants. The delegation was informed that the idea of a cluster was mooted after realizing that SMEs in a

homogenous group have similar problems and that it was easier to address and provide support to a group within a cluster than to each one of them separately.

At the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development the delegation was briefed by Mr. Arun Jha, Director of the Institute on the mandate of the centre. The institute's core mandate is to train prospective and aspiring people in entrepreneurship and business management skills. The delegation was informed that the institute conducts short entrepreneurship courses on a regular basis and these courses are offered to interested people in Africa, Asia and South America.

The final leg of the visit saw the delegation visiting National Small Scale Industries in New Delhi. The delegation was briefed by Mr. Praley Dey, General Manager of NSIC on some of the appropriate technologies available to MSMEs. These included: soap making machine; soya processing machine; socks making machine; toilet rolls making machine; candle making machine; nail making machine; paper plate making machine; biscuit making machine; edible oil extracting machine; and tomato paste processing machine. The delegation learnt a lot about value addition at this centre.

At the end of the visit Mr. Mike Moyo thanked the Mission in New



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A few Malawians have been trained at the institute in the past. The Director asked the Malawi team leader to increase the number of trainees from Malawi. He also informed him that entrepreneurship training courses could be organized in Malawi

Delhi for coordinating the study tour. He said the tour had been education and that the facilitators will use the knowledge gained from India to the best of their ability. He thanked the Malawi Government for sending them to India. ■



Industrial Visits



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India visits Atlas Cycle Industry in Sonapat, Haryana



Mr. Antony Livuza (second from right), Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment visits Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council in New Delhi



Delegation from Malawi Local Economic Development Technical Support Team visits National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)



H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India visits Tafe Tractors in Madurai





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Visits from Malawi



Prof. Moses Kwapata, Principal of Bunda College with his delegation and some diplomats at the Malawi High Commission. From left Mr. McDonald Mizati, first Secretary (Political); Dr Masangano, the Vice Principal Bunda College, Mr K.S.A. Moyo, Deputy High Commissioner; Prof Moses Kwapata; Dr. Patson Nalivata, Senior Lecture, Crop Soil Science; and Mr Henry Zulu, Second Secretary (Consular)

H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho, High Commissioner of Malawi to India hosting Malawi Delegation led by Mr. Newby Kumwembe (extreme right), Secretary from Industry and Trade



Mr. Chancellor Kaferapanjira, Chief Executive Officer of Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce (MCCCI) and Mr. Syamal Gupta, Chairman, CII Africa Committee, signing a MoU between the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 20th March 2012 in New Delhi



Malawi delegates to the 8th CII EXIM Bank Conclave 2012 at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi

Hon. Sidik Mia, Minister of Transport and Public Infrastructure (centre) pausing with Malawi's High Commissioner to India, H.E. Dr. Chrissie Chawanje Mughogho and Malawi delegates to the Conclave. On her right hand is Mr Peter Simbani, Director of Debt and Aid, Ministry of Finance; and on her immediate left is Mr. Nyandule Phiri, Director of Crops, Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. Clement Kumbemba (forth from left), Acting General Manager, MITC; Mr. Dyborn Chibonga Chief (fifth from left) Executive Officer, NASFAM; Mr. Charles Kazembe, (seventh from left) Chief Executive Officer, MEDl; Mr. Victor Lungu, (eight from left) Director of Planning, Ministry of Transport; and Mr. Lewis Mhango, Deputy Director of Energy, Department of Energy



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