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BE FORWARD CO., LTD.

Bridging Africa and Japan through Soccer

Linje becomes the First J-Leaguer from Malawi!

Be Forward Wanderers FC Member Transfers to Y.S.C.C. Yokohama

Jabulani Linje, member of a Malawian professional soccer team, Be Forward Wanderers Football Club (owner: BE FORWARD CO., LTD.), has been slated for transfer to Yokohama Sports & Culture Club (Y.S.C.C. Yokohama) currently in J3 (the 3rd division of Japan Professional Football League) from the 2018 season. This will make him the first ever Malawian to play in J-League.



BE FORWARD has so far invited four players from Wanderers FC to Japan, where the players took part in tryouts and practices with a prospect of transferring to J-League teams. Two players joined a selection session held by Y.S.C.C. Yokohama in last December, whereby Jabulani Linje (FW) successfully got the two-

year contract starting from the 2018 season. Once he passes medical checks upon his arrival in Japan, Linje will become an official member of Y.S.C.C. Yokohama.

About his transfer, Linje comments as follows:

“I am delighted to have been accepted as the member of Y.S.C.C. Yokohama. It is a great honor to become the first Malawian to play in a J-League club. I will do my very best to help Y.S.C.C. Yokohama win a place in J2 and become a player who can inspire the dreams of children in Malawi. Supporters, thank you very much for welcoming me.”



The birth of the first Malawian J-Leaguer has also prompted soccer fans in Malawi to cast enthusiastic eyes on J-League. Y.S.C.C. Yokohama is planning to hold a press conference in February or March to mark Jabulani Linje’s entry.

About Be Forward Wanderers FC

Official Site: <http://beforwardwanderers.com/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/beforwardwanderers/>

Since 2015, BE FORWARD has been sponsoring Wanderers FC as the first Japanese company to own a Malawian professional soccer team. Last December, Wanderers won the national league for the first time as a Japanese-owned team in Africa.



BE FORWARD aspires to promote soccer in Malawi by training world-class players through the management of Wanderers FC. To this end, we continue to boost the team’s standard by offering opportunities for the players deprived of a suitable environment to practice under Japan’s latest training methods and know-how.

Through our activities, we further hope that the players of the team would inspire the dreams and goals of children in the emerging countries. At the same time, BE FORWARD will continue to support Linje during his stay in Japan to facilitate his activities at Y.S.C.C. Yokohama.

[JABULANI LINJE ALI PROFILE]

★ 2017 Malawi A Team Member

Age: 23 Date of Birth: 7th November 1994

Height: 178cm Weight: 66kg

Positions: FW, MF

Professional History:

Apr 2010 – Mar 2015 Civo United

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Feb 2018 – Y.S.C.C. Yokohama



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