

## KEIDANREN Mission Visited Botswana

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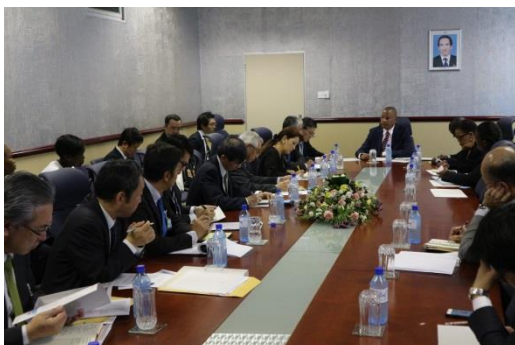
The Embassy of Japan in Botswana

A delegation from the Japanese Business Federation (KEIDANREN) visited Botswana on February 18. The delegation was headed by two Chairs of Committee on Sub-Saharan Africa KEIDANREN, Mr. Kunio Noji and Mr. Yutaka Kase.

KEIDANREN is a comprehensive economic organization with a membership of more than 1,300 representative companies of Japan. Mr. Kunio Noji is the chairman of Komatsu Ltd, one of the world biggest providers of industrial-use products and services, which supplies the DEBSWANA diamond mines with a variety of equipment. Mr. Yutaka Kase is the chairman of Sojitz Corporation, one of the major Sogo Shosha (general trading companies) in Japan. The delegation further included representatives from ITOCHU Corporation, JGC Corporation, Marubeni Corporation, The Mizuho Financial Group (MHFG) and Sumitomo Corporation.

The delegation paid a courtesy call on Hon. Mr. Sadique Kebonang, Acting Minister of Trade and Industry and H.E. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Executive Secretary of the SADC Secretariat. Later the delegation joined a business seminar hosted by Business Botswana, which meant to strengthen business ties between the two economies.

The Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr. Masahiro Onishi welcomed the delegation at his official residence and hosted a Business Lunch Reception inviting government officials and local business executives to create an opportunity for business networking. During the reception, Hon. Mr. Sadique Kebonang, Acting Minister of Trade and Industry, and Hon. Mrs. Dorcas Makgato, Minister of Health, gave a warm welcome to the delegation with their speeches.



Courtesy Call on Acting Minister



At the front of SADC Office