

**The Ground Breaking Ceremony of
'The Project for judo dojo construction' in Gaborone
(Grant Assistant for Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects)**

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

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On the 28th July 2016, Botswana Judo Federation organized a ground breaking ceremony in Gaborone. The project for judo dojo construction in Gaborone was awarded a grant (US\$87,750) under the Japan's Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects to Botswana Judo Federation.

At the ceremony, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, H.E. Mr. Masahiro Onishi gave a speech and introduced a message from Sensei Yasuhiro Yamashita (Vice President of All Japan Judo Federation). Also, Ms. Pridgeon, the President of Botswana Judo Federation and Honorable Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Mr. Olopeng gave welcome remarks. Lastly, Mr. Reikeletseng, the Chairman of Botswana National Sports Commission extended a vote of thanks. The ceremony was attended by many stakeholders who were involved in the project and media representatives.

Later on, Ambassador Mr. Onishi and the Honorable Minister Mr. Olopeng jointly preformed the ground breaking ceremony at the judo dojo construction site.

The judo dojo is scheduled to be built by the end of March 2017 in Gaborone. This grant is also a part of the 'Sport for Tomorrow' initiative which aims to spread value of sport and the movement to 2020 Olympic in Tokyo'.



Speech by Ambassador Mr. Onishi



Speech by Minister Mr. Olopeng



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