

Japan Business & Investment Mission to Botswana

4th July 2017

Embassy of Japan

On 27th & 28th June 2017, the Embassy of Japan in Botswana together with Botswana Investment & Trade Centre (BITC) held the Japan Business & Investment Mission to Botswana. The mission was attended by 41 participants comprising 20 companies and 5 public organizations of Japan. The participants in the mission came from not only Botswana and South Africa, but also, Japan, London, Paris and Singapore.

On 27th at the Masa Square Hotel in Central Business District (CBD), Gaborone City, as a way for the Japanese mission to deepen understanding about business and investment environment in Botswana, the seminar was held in cooperation with Botswana Government, Development Finance Institutes, Botswana Stock Exchange, SADC-DFRC, Business Botswana, local companies, etc.

During the seminar, following the opening remarks by Mr. Meshack Tshekedi, CE of BITC and Mr. Masahiro Onishi, the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Ms. Peggy Serame, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry and Mr. Phiri, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security delivered an overview of investment climate, ministry's mandate and a highlight of the business section with good opportunities. In addition to them, Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), Botswana Development Corporation (BDC), Norsad Finance, Rand Merchant Bank and Botswana Stock Exchanges (BSE) explained their mandates and services; furthermore, SADC Development Finance Institutions lectured Public-Private Partnership policies in the SADC region. After Business Botswana (BB) explained their function, the trend of local private companies and noteworthy industries in Botswana, participants of both Japan and Botswana exchanged business cards and communicated opinions each other.

Followed by a market tour to observe a retail business in Botswana, Mr. Masahiro Onishi, the Ambassador of Japan, welcomed the Japanese delegation at his official residence and hosted a reception in the presence of Honorable Mr. Vincent Seretse, Minister of

Investment, Trade and Industry, Ms. Serame, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Ms. Linah Mohohlo, the Former Governor of Bank of Botswana, Mr. Lekwalo Mosienyane, President of Business Botswana, Government officials, DFI's executives, and local business executives to discuss Botswana's future businesses.

On 28th, the Japanese delegation visited Chloride Exide Botswana (PTY) Limited, the battery manufactures, and Pasdec Automotive Technologies (Pty) Ltd, the car wire harness, to observe actual environments of manufacturing industry. After the delegation visited Mokolodi Nature Reserve to observe a tourism industry and also to have lunch, the delegation was divided into two groups. One group members attended one on one meeting with government officials and local private companies to discuss future businesses and the other group visited Overseas Development Enterprises Ltd.'s agricultural farm.



The ambassador's welcome remark
(Seminar held on 27th @ Masa Square Hotel)



Ms. Peggy Serame's lecture
(Seminar held on 27th @ Masa Square Hotel)



Seminar
(Seminar held on 27th @ Masa Square Hotel)



Group photo
(Seminar held on 27th @ Masa Square Hotel)



Ambassador's speech
(Reception held on 27th @ Official Residence)



Hon Mr. Seretse's speech
(Reception held on 27th @ Official Residence)



Group Photo
(Dinner reception held on 27th @ Official Residence)



Factory visit 1
(held on 28th @ Chloride Exide Botswana)



Factory visit 2
(held on 28th @ Pasdec Automotive Technologies)



Experience of tourism at lunch time
(held on 28th @ Mokolodi Nature Reserve)



Farm visit
(held on 28th @ Overseas Development Enterprises's farm)