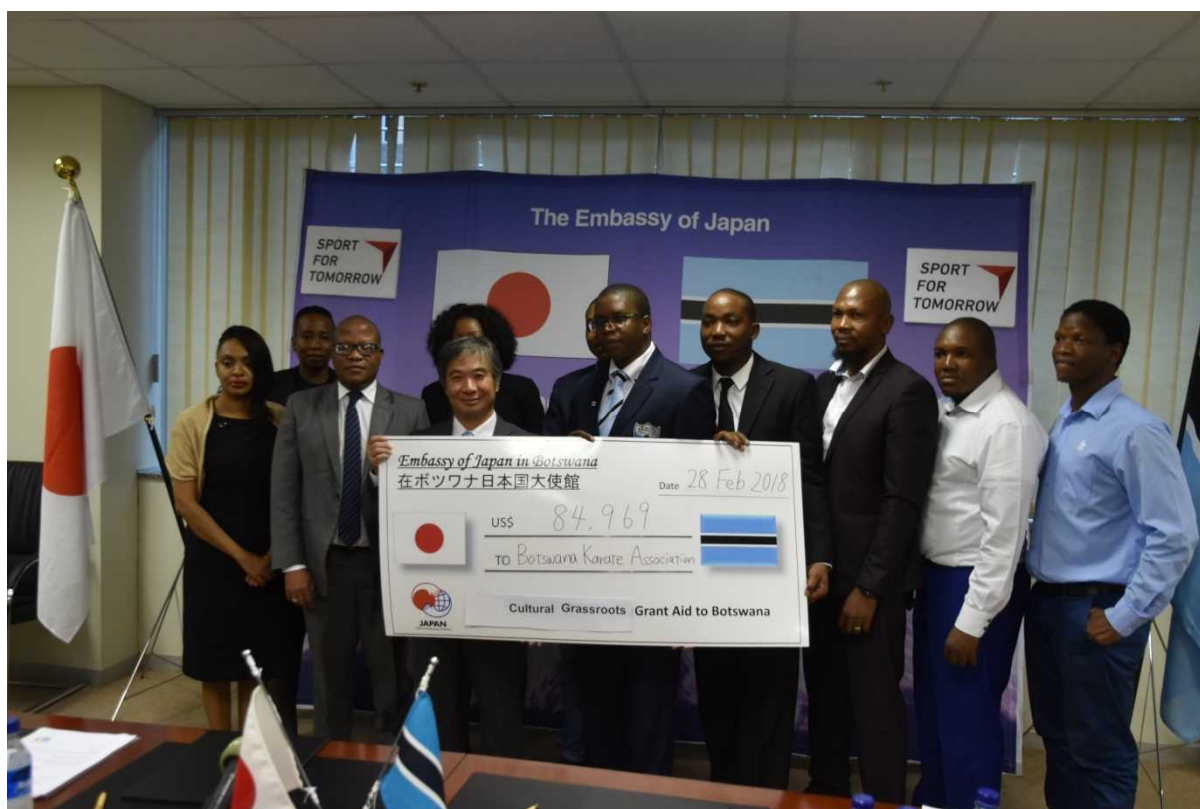


FY 2017 Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony
‘The Project for Extension of Botswana Karate Association Dojo’

1st March 2018
Embassy of Japan in Botswana

On 28st February 2018, the Embassy of Japan in Botswana has extended a grant of \$84,969 dollars under the Japan’s Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, to Botswana Karate Association for the implementation of “The Project for Extension of Botswana Karate Association Dojo”. The Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, H.E. Mr. Kozo Takeda and the president from the recipient organization, Mr. Tshepho Bathai signed the grant contract at the ceremony. The grant will be used to extend the existing Botswana Karate Association Dojo. Ambassador Mr. Takeda stated that this grant was a part of the “Sport for Tomorrow” initiative aiming to spread value of sport and to promote the movement towards the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2020. He also mentioned his hope that Katate-kas trained at the Dojo established through the assistance will be able to join the Tokyo Olympic games.

This was the 5th project for the Government of Japan to extend its support in Botswana through this grant scheme. (Past projects are: (1) Karate training hall, (2) Judo tatami and uniforms, (3) Judo training hall and (4) Softball stadium and softball equipment).



Ambassador Mr. Takeda and guests from Botswana Karate Association (BOKA), Botswana Karate Foundation and the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation