

**Prime Minister's Special Envoy
Mr. Shindo Visits Botswana**

Embassy of Japan in Botswana
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On the 1st of April 2018, Member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Yoshitaka Shindo, attended the inauguration ceremony of His Excellency Mr. Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi, the President of the Republic of Botswana. Mr. Shindo was acting as the special envoy of Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe.

1. Inauguration Ceremony

Mr. Shindo attended the President's inauguration ceremony which took place at the Parliament buildings. During the ceremony, His Excellency was sworn in by the Chief Justice and shortly after addressed the nation.

2. Courtesy Call on His Excellency the President

Prime Minister's special envoy, Mr. Shindo, paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Mr. Masisi, the President of the Republic of Botswana, and handed over a congratulatory letter from the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe.

Mr. Shindo expressed his congratulations to the President on taking office, and conveyed the Japanese Government's appreciation that Japan's terrestrial digital broadcasting system (ISDB-T) was implemented by Botswana, making it the first country in Africa to adopt the system. He expressed Japan's willingness to collaborate with Botswana in the fields of science and technology, including ICT which will further enhance Botswana's prosperity and safety.

He also invited His Excellency to attend TICAD 7 (The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development) scheduled to be held in Yokohama in 2019.

President Masisi, on his part, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Shindo for visiting Botswana from Japan for the ceremony and expressed a commitment to deepening cooperation toward resolving various issues such as peace and development among the two countries based on shared basic values.

3. Meetings

During the inauguration, Mr. Shindo had the opportunity to interact with senior government officials and later held a meeting with the former Minister of Infrastructure, Housing Development, Hon. Mr. Nonfo Molefi at the Ambassador's residence.



Inauguration Ceremony



Courtesy Call on H.E. President Masisi



Meeting with Minister Molefhi