

**FY 2018 Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects**  
**Grant Contract Signing Ceremony**

*'The Project for the Construction of Guidance & Counselling Block*  
*at Motswasele Junior Secondary School'*

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

10 October 2018

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Embassy of Japan in Botswana has extended a grant of US\$46,250, under the 'Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects' ("GGP"), to Motswasele Junior Secondary School for the implementation of 'The Project for the Construction of Guidance & Counselling Block at Motswasele Junior Secondary School'. The Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, H.E. Mr. Kozo Takeda and the representative of the recipient organization, Ms. Segametsi Matlho, School Head of Motswasele Junior Secondary School, signed the grant contract at the ceremony held at the Embassy of Japan.

The grant will be used to construct guidance & counselling block at the Junior Secondary School in Molepolole, located some 50km west of the capital city Gaborone. The level of education in Botswana is relatively advanced compared to other countries in Africa; however, there is still much to be done, especially in terms of the maintenance of facilities at public schools. There was no guidance & counselling block at the Junior Secondary School, where approx. 740 students are learning. The students will be able to receive counselling and first-aid at the newly built facility. It is expected to contribute to the improvement of academic results of the students and also to the reduction of various social & health problems, such as desertions or teenage pregnancies.



H.E. Mr. Takeda and Ms. Matlho at the Signing Ceremony



The form 3 students at Motswasele Junior Secondary School