

FY2017 Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (“GGP”)
Hand-over Ceremony

‘The Project for the Construction of Special Education Unit

at Kgale Hill Junior Secondary School in South East District

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

29 November 2018

On Thursday 29th November 2018, the handover ceremony of the “Project for the Construction of Special Education Unit at Kgale Hill Junior Secondary School in South East District” took place in the presence of the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr. Kozo Takeda, Acting Permanent Secretary, Mr Simon Coles, School Head, guests and other stakeholders at Kgale Hill Junior Secondary School.

The project site is at the junior secondary school in Kgale Hill, South East District, some 15km west of the capital city centre, Gaborone. With this new special education unit, approximately 60 students with disability will be able to secure an appropriate learning environment in order to follow mainstream education.

Kgale Hill Junior Secondary School had received the amount of US\$77,488 (approx. BWP 803,000. based on the exchange rate as of November 2017) for the project, following the signing of Grant Contract with the Embassy on 13th October 2017.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Takeda stated that the Government of Japan already assisted six disability related projects in Botswana and he is pleased to witness that Japan extended its assistance at junior secondary level as well. Since 2010, Kgale Hill Junior Secondary School has accommodated students with disability such as hard of hearing, physical disabilities, and learning disabilities. The students with disabilities need extra time and attentions in order to follow mainstream education, but the school did not have enough space to meet their needs. Ambassador Takeda further expressed his pleasure to see 58 students with disability utilize a Special Education Unit in order to secure an appropriate learning environment to implement the individuals’ learning program for their future independence and participation to the society.



(Photo) Ambassador Takeda unveiled the plaque at the ceremony



(Photo) The Special Education Unit