<u>FY2013 Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects</u> <u>Handover Ceremony for</u> <u>'The Project for the Electrification of Primary Schools in Mahalapye Sub District'</u>

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On 3rd March 2015, the Handover ceremony for 'The Project for the Electrification of Primary Schools in Mahalapye Sub District' was held at Kudumatse Primary School in the district located approx. 200km north-east from Gaborone.

This ceremony was held to commemorate the completion of electrification of one classroom block each at the seven primary schools in the sub district that was done through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Government of Japan. Mahalapye Sub District Council received the grant amount of USD29,078 for the project. Following the successful electrification, approx. 2,070 children at the schools are now learning in the classrooms with lighting and able to receive education that utilises audio-visual equipment such as radio, TV and video.

During the ceremony, the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana H.E. Mr. Masahiro Onishi stated that "My sincere wish is that the children who receive education in those buildings will further develop their desire to know more about the world beyond their villages, and that such movement would result in further improvement of their academic skills." In response, the pupils at the school performed a song of thanks and the Council Chairman of Mahalapye Sub District and other attendees showed their gratitude.



(Photo) H.E. Mr. Onishi with the school heads of the seven primary schools and other attendee at the