

**FY2013 Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects**

**Handover Ceremony for**

**'The Project for the Refurbishment of fence surrounding the SOS Children's Village Francistown'**

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

6<sup>th</sup> August 2015

On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the Handover ceremony for 'The Project for the Refurbishment of fence surrounding the SOS Children's Village Francistown' was held in Francistown, approx. 450km to the north-east from Gaborone.

This ceremony was held to commemorate the completion of refurbishment of the fence surrounding the 12 hectare premises of the SOS Children's Village in the second largest city in Botswana. The Government of Japan granted USD86,054 to Save Our Souls (SOS) Children's Village Association for the project through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP). The Children's Village, where used to suffer from illegal dumping and theft by outsiders, has now become much secure home for the approx. 170 orphans and vulnerable children living there.

During the ceremony, the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana H.E. Mr. Masahiro Onishi stated that "Children are the future of Botswana and their security has to be secured in any situations as seen in this successful project." In response, the National Director of the SOS Children's Village Association, and other guests including the Deputy Town Clerk of Francistown and the Kgosi in the area, showed their gratitude. The ceremony was also featured by the news on BTV (Botswana's national broadcast).



(Photo) H.E. Mr. Onishi checked the condition of fence after the ceremony