

**FY2013 Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects**  
**Handover Ceremony for**  
**'The Project for the Construction of Pre-school in Mababe Village in North West District'**

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

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On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the Handover ceremony for 'The Project for the Construction of Pre-school in Mababe Village' was held in the village, approx. 130km to the north of Maun, in North West District.

This ceremony was held to commemorate the completion of construction of the pre-school, as well as the provision of school furniture, funded through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects ("GGP") of the Government of Japan. Mababe Zokotsama Community Development Trust received the grant amount of USD49,700 for the project, which has successfully given access to approx. 40 children in the village to receive free early childhood education.

During the ceremony, held in premises of the brand-new Kgosietsile Pre-school, the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana H.E. Mr. Masahiro Onishi stated that "I believe that schools mean a lot to children, especially in remote areas like Mababe. It is not only a place for education, but also a window to see the outside world that is full of discoveries and excitements. I hope that this pre-school will make children well motivated to learn and that they will be suitably prepared for the start of primary school onwards." In return, Ms. Halakangwa Mbulai, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and other guests showed their gratitude. Also the children from Kgosietsile Pre-school and Primary school performed a play and a song of thanks. The ceremony was also featured by the news on BTV (Botswana's national broadcast).



(Photo) H.E. Mr. Onishi cut the tape at the official handover of Kgosietsile Pre-school