

## **Mr. Dai Tamesue visits Botswana**

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Embassy of Japan in Botswana

In July 2017, Mr. Dai Tamesue, a former Japanese 400m hurdler, who won the bronze medals twice at the World Athletic Championships, visited Botswana under the Japan Brand Program. This visit was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in order to advance the brand of Japan by promoting a variety of distinct charms of Japan.

Mr. Tamesue gave a free lecture entitled "Soul of Japanese Athletics", as well as demonstration to the participants at the National Stadium on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Later on, he interacted with local athletes and sport related officials at the reception held at the Official Residence of Ambassador of Japan to Botswana.

Next day, on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, he gave a motivation talk and demonstration at Stepping Stones International in Mochudi (45 km away from Gaborone). In the afternoon, he visited various sports facilities in Gaborone (University of Botswana sports facilities, judo dojo, karate dojo constructed by the Japanese government's Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects. Softball ground which is currently under repaired with the assistance by the same grant from the Japanese government ).





