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**Japan Announces Nearly 34 Million Pula Grant Aid to Botswana
in Response to COVID-19**

On June 12, the signing of exchange of notes between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Botswana took place in Gaborone, for Economic and Social Development Programme, a grant aid amounting to approximately 34 million pula (300 million Japanese yen) for provision of medical equipment in response to COVID-19 in Botswana.

In Botswana, the first recorded case of COVID-19 was confirmed on March 30, after which the Government immediately declared a state of emergency. Nevertheless, new cases has continued to be reported.

Though the upgrading of medical environment has long been one of the priority areas for the Government of Botswana, a large drop in the fiscal revenues is expected owing to the stagnation of economic activities caused by COVID-19. To this end, the provision of much-needed medical equipment is very timely and effective in order to fight against infectious diseases including COVID-19.

This grant aid project provides medical equipment worth around 34 million pula in total. The equipment may include portable X-ray, thermographic cameras, and a few others that

will support Botswana’s medical environment better and stronger.

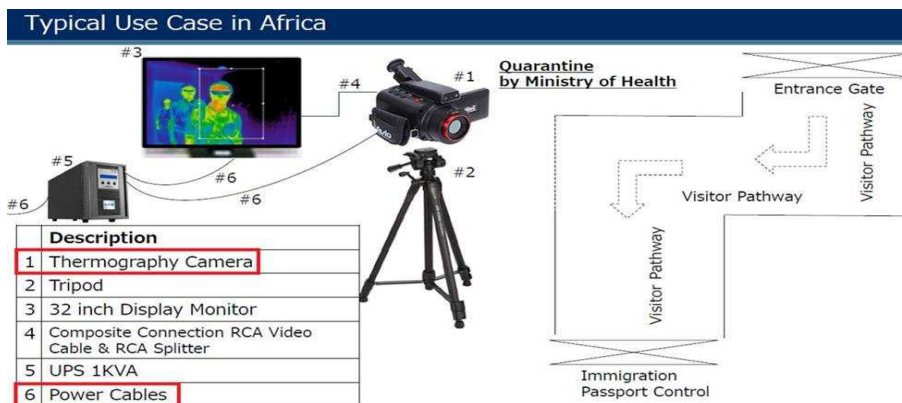
Encouraged by the sound measures already implemented by the Government of Botswana in attempt to control COVID-19, the Government of Japan intends to offer as much cooperation as possible in supporting the improvement of Botswana’s health environment and economic recovery.

The global spread of COVID-19 poses a major threat to the economies and societies all around the world. In this context, the international community must work closely together to address this unprecedented challenge we are facing that jeopardize peoples’ lives and economies.

Japan, with an aim to take a lead in the international pursuit to contain COVID-19 as early as possible, will continue to support countries which are in need of strengthening their medical systems.

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(Example: Thermographic camera)



(Example: Medical equipment: Portable X-ray)

