

FY2018 Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (“GGP”)
Handing Over Ceremony

‘The Project for the Constriction of Lerolwane Pre-school
to Lerolwane Primary School in South East District ’

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

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On the 14th October 2021, H.E. Mr. HOSHIYAMA Takashi, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, attended the handing over ceremony of a Lerolwane Pre-school to Lerolwane Primary School, which was constructed under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects. Hon. Minister Dr Edwin Dikoloti, Area Member of Parliament of Mmathethe Molapowabojang and Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Thamiso Chabalala, SDC Chairperson of Southern District Council, and other distinguished guests were present for the event that took place at the school.

A Grant Contract was signed between the Embassy of Japan and Kanye Administrative Authority located in Gaborone, on 10th August 2018 where the school received an amount of US\$86,400 for the project.

During the ceremony, Ambassador HOSHIYAMA stated that “In Japan, we have a long history of early childhood education. The first pre-school facility was established in 1876, almost 150 years ago. It was only during the 1970s that there was a rapid increase in the number of pre-schools. Now most Japanese 5 year-olds are attending either pre-schools or nurseries”.

He also said that “I believe education is most important for nation building, and among others, early childhood education plays an essential role in these contemporary days. Accordingly, I also believe that early childhood education is one of the most important investments that can be made for a child’s future. Daily interactions with friends and teachers from as young an age as possible will widen their views of the world and develop their communication ability and adaptability”.

Hon. Minister Dr. Edwin Dikoloti, on his part, expressed his gratitude and, emphasising on the importance of education, he stated that “early education is undoubtable the foundation upon which human development rest, especially for developing countries such as Botswana. I am therefore happy that, the Government of Japan is committed to accelerating human development through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects of the Government of Japan. I truly believe that this project will help us put a strong foundation for our children as they will have an opportunity to be introduced to the education system at an early age.”



(Photo) Ambassador and Distinguished Guests at tape cutting



(Photo) Ambassador and Hon Minister Dikoloti in front of the Pre-school