

## PRESS RELEASE

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Embassy of Japan in Botswana

### Japan's Grant Assistance for the Project for the Provision of a School Bus for the Visually Impaired Children at Mochudi Association in Kgatleng District

On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the signing of Grant Contract between the Government of Japan and Mochudi Association for the Visually Impaired Children took place in Gaborone for “the Project for the Provision of a School Bus for the Visually Impaired Children at Mochudi Association in Kgatleng District”. The Grant Contract amounting to US\$ 56,187 was signed between the Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr. HOSHIYAMA Takashi and Mr. Letsebe SEJOE, the Board Chairman of Mochudi Association for the Visually Impaired Children.

Utilizing the grant, the Mochudi Association for the Visually Impaired Children will be receiving a school bus from the Government of Japan to provide visually impaired children with easier access to schooling and other educational activities at the centre.

The project is supported through the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP), a grant scheme which supports projects addressing social challenges and/or aiming at community development at the grass-roots level.

The Embassy of Japan is delighted to launch this project at the start of 2022 when the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development or TICAD 8 is scheduled to be held in Tunisia. TICAD is an open and inclusive forum on Africa's development initiated by Japan in 1993. Built on the twin principle of African ownership and international partnership, this most traditional forum on African development mobilizes global support for Africa's development by promoting continuous dialogue, collaboration, and voluntary initiatives among a wide range of actors including civil society.

Human security – the concept to advance the nation and community building through empowerment and protection of individuals to live happily and in dignity, free from fear and want – has been at the core of TICAD. This concept has been translated into the motto of “Leaving No One Behind”. By supporting this project, Japan is fulfilling its promise with

deeds as well as words.

The Government of Japan intends to offer further cooperation, through the schemes available, with the intention to support and improve the lives of disadvantaged people, including the physically challenged adults and children, in Botswana.

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