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**EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN BOTSWANA OFFICIALLY HANDS OVER CLASSROOM BLOCK TO
TSABONG SUB DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Embassy of Japan and Tsabong Sub District Council, on the 5th August 2022, celebrated the successful completion and handover of a classroom block at McCarthy's Rust Primary School in the Kgalagadi District, constructed through Japan's grant assistance for grassroots human security projects. The classroom block was constructed following a grant contract signing agreement between the two organizations in 2017, when the Tsabong Sub District Council received an amount of **USD 76,175** from the Government of Japan through its Embassy in Botswana.

His Excellency HOSHIYAMA Takashi, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, officially handed over the classroom block in the presence of Tsabong Assistant District Officer Ms. Thapelo Lesolame and Kgosi J Englebreght of McCarthy's Rust amongst other guests.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ambassador HOSHIYAMA said that the construction of the new classrooms is said to be the result of a collaboration by the Embassy of Japan, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Kgalagadi District Council. He also explained that Japan extended cooperation through the construction of the classrooms, but this is just the start and the quality of education is the next challenge. He therefore called on the Ministry, the Council and the community to join together to give continued support to the school, as many good students will join society from this school.

On behalf of the Government of Botswana, Kgalagadi regional operations Director Ms M. Kesenye expressed appreciation towards the people of Japan for this kind gesture. She highlighted that they are thankful as this classroom block built by Embassy of Japan provides a conducive environment for learning and will help improve Mc McCarthy's Rust Primary School's academic performance. She added that they are able to admit more students because of the equitable condition.

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