

The Embassy Hosted the ‘Friends of Japan’ Dinner Reception

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

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17th March 2023, Gaborone - His Excellency Mr. OHMORI Setsuo, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, hosted the Friends of Japan (FoJ) at a dinner reception at his official residence. The FoJ reception is an annual gathering to bring together Batswana who have studied, worked or lived in Japan, as well as to congratulate and bid farewell to outgoing new Japanese Government (MEXT) Research scholarship recipients.

Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Skill Development of Botswana, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, JICA Botswana and Batswana alumni of Japanese universities, were in attendance. During the ceremony, Ambassador OHMORI mentioned that Japan had committed itself to support Botswana's efforts to transform its resource-based economy to a knowledge-based one through Human Resource Training Programmes.

For her part, the Director for the Department of Tertiary Education Financing, Ms. Neo Sebolao expressed her appreciation to the Government of Japan for the scholarships they continue to offer Batswana to pursue post graduate studies, as well as partnering with Botswana towards the realization of the National Vision 2036 of Achieving Prosperity for All.

Recipients of the 2023 scholarship equally expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to study in Japan, and vowed to utilize it for the best, with the intention to return and add value to the economy of Botswana upon completion of their studies.



Welcome Speech from Ambassador OHMORI



Ambassador OHMORI and participants
of the reception