

PRESS RELEASE

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Hon. Mr. Kabo Morwaeng Awarded for Contribution to Digital Transmitting Terrestrial Broadcasting in Botswana

Tokyo, 1st June 2023- The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan has conferred an award to the Minister of State President of the Republic of Botswana, Hon. Mr. Kabo Neale Sechele Morwaeng, during the 73rd anniversary of “Radio Day”. The award is in recognition of Hon. Morwaeng’s contribution to the development of the Japanese Terrestrial Digital Broadcasting System (ISDB-T) in the Republic of Botswana, becoming the first country to adopt the system and achieving a complete transition to digital broadcasting in October, 2022.

H.E. Major General, Gotsileene Morake, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Japan, attended the award ceremony held in Tokyo, Japan on 1st June 2023, on behalf of the Government of Botswana, and received the certificate from H.E. Mr. MATSUMOTO Takeaki, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan.

Radio Day was established in 1950 to commemorate the wide availability of radio waves to the Japanese public. Every year on the anniversary, the Japanese Government honors individuals and organizations that have contributed to the promotion of the use of radio waves with awards from the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications.

Hon. Morwaeng is the second official from Botswana to receive the award after H.E. Dr. Mokgweetsi Eric Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana, was honored in 2013. President Masisi, serving as the Minister of Presidential Affairs and Public Administration at the time, contributed to the promotion of the digitalization of terrestrial broadcasting in Botswana (becoming the first African country to adopt the ISDB-T system).



Ambassador Morake talking with
Minister Matsumoto.



Award Ceremony in Tokyo