

**The Embassy of Japan co-hosted the Japan Film Festival
with the Japan Foundation**

9th October 2023

The Embassy of Japan co-hosted the Japan Film Festival, together with the Japan Foundation, at New Capitol Cinemas in Riverwalk Shopping Mall, Gaborone from the 5th to 7th October 2023. It was the 13th festival that the Embassy has held since 2009.

At the opening ceremony, His Excellency, Mr. OHMORI Setsuo, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, welcomed the audience comprising of Botswana Government Officials from various Ministries, Arts & Culture industry representatives, members of the diplomatic corps and the general public. He was delighted to share that the event had now resumed in full scale after a hiatus of 2 years, due to Covid-19.

In his brief welcome address, Ambassador OHMORI expressed his belief that films can convey a number of different messages, and specifically for this festival, it would provide viewers with a picture of Japan. He said that the event aimed to facilitate and promote mutual understanding of cultures between Botswana and Japan, and in this case, highlighted an overview of relationships in Japanese families. He stated his hope that the people in attendance would be entertained by the festival and gain a better understanding of Japanese culture, and later on urged them to attend all the film screening for the remaining two days.

This year, four films were screened, including two dramas, an animation, and a fantasy film, attracting Japanese film fans.



Opening Remarks from Ambassador OHMORI



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