

**The Embassy of Japan hosts a reception in recognition of the shared for friendship and cooperation between the Akita University and BIUST**

26th October 2023

On the 25th October 2023, Ambassador OHMORI Setsuo welcomed a delegation from the Faculty of International Resources Sciences of Akita University in Japan. The delegation was visiting Botswana as a part of their educational fieldwork. The group of 5 students from Japan was led by Professor Miyamoto and Assistant Professor Dr. Godirilwe, who was a former Japanese Government Scholarship student (MEXT Scholarship) at Akita University.

On the occasion of the University's visit to Botswana, Ambassador hosted a reception in recognition of the shared friendship and cooperation between the Akita University and BIUST (Botswana International University of Science & Technology). Representatives including former Akita students from BIUST were also present at the reception.

In 2009, Akita University and BIUST signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Academic Cooperation, for a mutual agreement to cooperate, collaborate and participate jointly in the areas of education and research in order to promote enhanced standards and high academic achievement, particularly in the field of Resource Science.

Some of the former students who studied at Akita University are now working in Botswana in prestigious academic institutions such as BIUST, the University of Botswana and resource related institutions such as the Botswana Geoscience Institute as well as in private mining companies. There are currently 9 Botswana who have received PhD degrees from Akita University.

The Embassy hopes that the academic exchange between the two universities will lead to further cooperation between Botswana and Japan in the resource sector to promote human development and collaboration in the future.

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Remarks by Ambassador OHMORI



Students from Akita University and  
Representatives from BIUST