

Celebration of the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Embassy of Japan in Botswana

Message from the Ambassador of Japan

It is my pleasure to announce that this year marks an important milestone as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Embassy of Japan in Botswana.

Since Botswana's Independence in 1966, Japan and Botswana have steadily developed its partnership of cooperation on the basis of fundamental values such as democracy, human rights

and the rule of law.

The most notable development was that Botswana became the first country in the world to accomplish the transition to digital broadcasting through the ISDB-T system developed by Japan. Looking at grass-roots level, we have continued exchange programmes in education, culture and sports. Last year marked the 30th anniversary

of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Programme in Botswana and this year marks the 10th anniversary of the children's painting's exchange between Chigasaki Primary school in Yokohama and Ben Thema Primary School in Gaborone.

We welcome Botswana's participation in the Osaka Expo, and TICAD 9 in Yokohama, both of which are scheduled for 2025. These

events will present excellent opportunities to bring our bilateral relations to new heights.

Botswana is internationally renowned for its splendid wildlife, as well as its rich deposits of diamonds. As a stable democracy, Botswana also plays an active role in the international community, having chaired the UN Economic and Social Council, as well as hosting

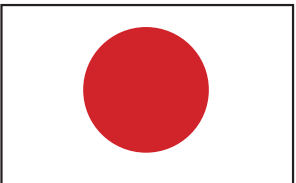
the Kimberley Process Secretariat.

Since my arrival here last December, I have visited various parts of the country, both on official and personal purpose, to gain a better understanding of the local culture and societal issues. As the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, I will work diligently to further cultivate the friendly relations between Japan and Botswana.



H.E. OHMORI Setsuo,
Ambassador of Japan to Botswana

Development Cooperation Projects



From the People of Japan

The Embassy of Japan has been assisting Botswana's development through its Grass-Roots Human Security Project (GGP).

GGP is a grant scheme which supports projects addressing social challenges and/or aims at community

development at grass-roots level, supporting people-centred development projects which have a direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities.

In Botswana, from 1997 to date, 65 GGP projects in total

have been approved, some of which are currently on-going.

These projects include rural developments such as the construction of pre-schools, classrooms for students with disabilities and vocational training institutions.

In 2021, Japan extended grant aid assistance to purchase agricultural machineries and materials to improve the country's agricultural productivity.

Japan also provided grant aid assistance to strengthen the vaccine cold chain system

in Botswana, through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in 2022/23. Furthermore, Japan donated child friendly police centres and medical equipment to address malnutrition, through UNICEF, in 2021/22.



Green house, IMEC system: water-saving agriculture



School facility for students with disabilities (GGP)



Walk-in cold room, to improve the vaccine cold chain



A child friendly police centre in Shakawe Community, to address the issue of GBV



Message from JICA Botswana



Mr. TAKADA Hiroyuki, Resident Representative, JICA Botswana

JICA is a Japanese government agency that implements Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

It initiated its cooperation with Botswana in 1977 and later started accepting training participants in Japan.

Since then, JICA has cooperated on several projects such as the "Morupule Power Station A Expansion" in 1985, the "Trans-Kalahari Road" in 1991, the "Kazungula Project" in 2012, "Digital Broadcasting" in 2014, "One Stop Border Post" in 2020, and the "Conservation and sustainable use of forest and range resources" in

2021.

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer programme started in 1992, and recently the Covid-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan was agreed upon, in February in 2023.

The total number of experts and volunteers that have been dispatched to Botswana over the years total over 200 and 400 respectively, whilst the number of Botswana that have received training through the JICA training programme has reached over 1,000. Although most of our activities were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, JICA continued to hold training programmes, utilizing ICT technology for online training.

When COVID-19 restrictions eased up in 2022, Japanese experts and volunteers were gradually dispatched. There are now currently over 20 volunteers in Botswana, and we expect to receive more volunteers before the end of JFY2023.

We aim to reach the number of volunteers to over 30. Since JICA is a Japanese

government agency, it conducts its cooperation in line with Japanese government policies and initiatives.

One of those initiatives is TICAD, a multilateral platform for African Development, initiated by the Japanese government in 1993. 2023 celebrates TICAD's 30th anniversary. The ABE initiative which specifically targets African countries, was launched in 2013 during TICAD 5, this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme.



JICA Volunteer (Community Development)



JICA Volunteer (Waste Management)



Technical Cooperation for Kazungula Bridge and One Stop Border Post



Technical Cooperation for Forest Management



JICA Volunteer (Judo)

TICAD 30th Anniversary

In 1993, TICAD was launched in Tokyo as an international conference on African development and has evolved over the 30 years since then. The key development philosophies that TICAD put forth were "African Ownership" and "International Partnership" in African development. Through the TICAD process, Japan has continued to contribute to the realization of a resilient Africa, one that Africa itself aims to achieve, and has been deepening Japan-Africa relations.

TICAD 9

The Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) will be held in Yokohama in 2025.

Message from JOGMEC Botswana

JOGMEC is an organization that supports the stable supply of mineral resources and energy to Japan. It was established in 2004 by integrating the functions of oil and natural gas related organizations and metal related organizations.

Four years after the establishment of JOGMEC, in 2008, the Botswana Geologic Remote Sensing Centre was established, focusing on the potential of mineral resources in Southern Africa.

The basic policy of the Centre Project is to build a strong win-win relationship between Japan and Southern African countries, especially Botswana, in the field of mineral resources through technical cooperation with the aim of contributing to strengthening the capacity, and promoting the evaluation of mineral potential of Geological Survey Institutes in Southern African countries.

In recent years, the environment surrounding African resources and energy has

changed significantly, as it has become important to respond to carbon neutrality due to the growing global awareness of the environment.

The role of the Centre is becoming increasingly important due to these changes in the global situation, which have highlighted the importance of rare earths, nickel, cobalt, lithium, etc., known as Critical Minerals, and copper.

Specifically, the Centre conducts training, joint analysis and cooperative geological surveys using satellite image analysis with institutions in Southern African countries. The Centre also organizes the annual "Remote Sensing Week" in collaboration with the Botswana Geoscience Institute, which invites geologists from Southern African countries to



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Botswana Geologic Remote
Sensing Centre

Botswana for workshops, competitions, and seminars.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the event, which will be held in-person in November for the first time in four years, and we look forward to meeting geologists from Botswana and other Southern African countries.



Workshop in Gaborone: learning about geological survey technology (2019)



Field survey conducted with the Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) (2022)

Cultural Exchange

Botswana Consumer Fair

The Embassy organizes several cultural events each year. It recently participated in the Botswana Consumer Fair for 2023. During this event, Japan – Botswana bilateral relations and Japanese culture, such as calligraphy and Yukata (traditional garments for summer), were showcased to the public.



Upcoming Events



Japan Film Festival in October 2023



Painting Exhibition at Ben Thema Primary School in November 2023

The Japan Film Festival will be held at New Capitol Cinemas, Riverwalk, Gaborone from 5th -7th October 2023.

Brave Father Online- Our Story of Final Fantasy
THU 5th Oct @18h00 (114 Mins)
GENRE: Drama, TV Game

Round Trip Heart
FRI 6th Oct @18h00 (97 Mins)
GENRE: Drama, Romance

Okko's Inn
SAT 7th Oct @11h00 (94 Mins)
GENRE: Animation, Family

Destiny: The Tale of Kamakura
SAT 7th Oct @14h00 (129 Mins)
GENRE: Fantasy, Family

For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/JapaneseEmbassyInBotswana/>

Studying opportunities in Japan

Japanese Government Scholarship

The Japanese Government Sponsored scholarship offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to both graduate and undergraduate students

on an annual basis, is a great opportunity for young Botswana. Most of the past scholarship recipients are now researchers, scholars and experts in various organizations, locally &

internationally. At present, over 50 beneficiaries of the scholarship, through Embassy selection, have pursued their research objectives (Masters & PhD

Degree), while others have undergone teacher training. Some have received various government scholarships through University recommendations.



Teacher Training at Junior high school in Japan



Private Visit to Kyoto



PhD Graduation



G7 HIROSHIMA SUMMIT 2023

The G7 Hiroshima Summit was held in May 2023, and more than 10 ministerial meetings were also held in Japan. The leaders discussed the importance of strengthening engagement with Africa and the Global South.

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

A total of 153 countries and regions and 8 international organizations have confirmed their participation, including Botswana. The Expo will feature initiatives aimed at creating a future society for our lives, presented by countries and international organizations, as well as companies, NGOs, NPOs, citizens' groups, and others from around the world, to provide a vision of achieving the SDGs and the future beyond that.

Schedule: From April 13 to October 13, 2025
Venue: Yumeshima, Osaka
Theme: Designing Future Society for Our Lives
Concept: -People's Living lab- A laboratory for a future society



JICA Technical Cooperation (Long-Term Training)

JICA offers 4 types of Long-Term scholarships to Botswana;

1. Masters Degree and Internship Program of African Business Education Initiative for Youth (Abe Initiative),
2. SDGs Global Leadership Program,
3. Human Resources Development in the Mining Sector (KIZUNA Program),
4. Agriculture Studies Network for Food Security (Agri-Net)

There have been over 30 beneficiaries of the long-term training program (as of 2023) in Botswana. JICA ensures that those who have studied in Japan work hard as leaders to strengthen and maintain relationships between Japan and their respective countries.



PhD Graduation



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