

The Embassy Hosted the ‘Friends of Japan’ Dinner Reception

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15th March 2024, Gaborone - His Excellency Mr. OHMORI Setsuo, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, hosted the ‘Friends of Japan’ at a dinner reception at his official residence. The purpose of the event was to bring together Batswana who have studied, worked or lived in Japan to allow them the opportunity to network, as well as to congratulate and bid farewell to the new Japanese Government (MEXT) Research scholarship recipients.

The new scholarship recipients were celebrated as the scholarship awardees for 2024. Representatives from the Ministry of Education and Skill Development of Botswana, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and JICA Botswana also graced the event.

The recipients of the 2024 scholarships expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to study in Japan, and vowed to utilize it to the fullest extent possible, with the intention to return and add value to Botswana, and its economy, upon completion of their studies in Japan.

During the ceremony, Ambassador OHMORI spoke about the universities where the international students would study, and the characteristics of each region where the universities are located, and stated that the Japanese Government supports the Botswana Government through various human resource development programmes.

For his part, Mr. Keoletile Mmopi, from the Department of Tertiary Education, hailed the Government of Japan for its contribution to Botswana’s education sector, through research scholarship, which it continues to extend to Batswana. He encouraged the scholarship recipients to utilize this as an opportunity to bring expertise from Japan, and also to share their skills and sell their culture to the international community, while in Japan.



New Japanese Government (MEXT)
Research scholarship Recipients



Ambassador OHMORI and Participants
of the Reception