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## The Embassy Hosted the 'Friends of Japan' Dinner Reception

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Gaborone - His Excellency Mr. OHMORI Setsuo, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, hosted the Friends of Japan (FoJ) at a dinner reception at his official residence. This FoJ reception was the second gathering held by the Embassy of Japan in Botswana this year, which brings together Batswana who have studied, worked or lived in Japan for networking purposes as well as to congratulate and bid farewell to the new Japanese Government (MEXT) Teacher Training and Research scholarship recipients.

The new JICA Long Term training recipients were also celebrated as the scholarship awardees for 2024. Representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and JICA Botswana also graced the event. Three MEXT teacher training recipients, one Research scholarship student (Doctoral course) and two JICA Long Term training recipients are due to leave for their various Japanese Universities by at the beginning of October 2024.

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

Recipients of the 2024 scholarship 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.



Welcome Speech from Ambassador OHMORI



Ambassador OHMORI and Scholarship recipients