

**The Embassy of Japan hosts a reception in recognition of the shared friendship and cooperation between the Hokkaido University and universities in Botswana**

15th October 2024

On the 10th October 2024, Ambassador OHMORI Setsuo welcomed a delegation from the School and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Hokkaido University and Graduate School of Engineering of Hokkaido University in Japan, who were visiting Botswana to join an International Symposium, as well as participants from universities in Botswana and neighbouring countries, to exchange views on joint academic research and human resource development between universities. The reception was attended by professors and students from the universities and the research institutes of Botswana, Japan and neighboring countries.

The title of the International Symposium was Chemical and Biological Hazards on One Health: Towards Sustainable Mineral Development and Pollution Monitoring was held at the Conference Centre of the University of Botswana, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024, where more than 70 people gathered to participate in the symposium.

From Botswana, professors, academics and university students from the University of Botswana, Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) and Botswana Geosciences Institute (BGI) participated, while professors and researchers from the University of Zambia, University of Namibia and University of Zimbabwe, as well as Hokkaido University were in attendance.

Hokkaido University is conducting the ‘WISE Program for One Health Frontier Graduate School of Excellence’ (interdisciplinary and practical education and research related to One Health) as part of the JICA Graduate School of Development Cooperation Programme. From April next year, Hokkaido University will also be participating in JICA Technical Cooperation Project, “Establishment of Sustainable Mineral Development through strengthening the monitoring system and human capacity toward heavy metal pollution (ZAZINAMBO PROJECT)” (scheduled for April 2025 - March 2029), as a co-operating organization, and will conduct an international joint project with the project target countries, namely Botswana, Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

It is expected that the joint research on Chemical and Biological Hazards on One Health between Hokkaido University and four countries, through the JICA Technology Cooperation Project, will contribute to the further development of academic research and social development of research results.

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Remarks by Ambassador OHMORI at International Symposium



Presentation by Professors at International Symposium