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the People of Japan**

Japan extends support for the construction of a pre-primary education unit at Nkoyaphiri Primary School

Mogoditshane, 26th June 2025 - The Government of Japan and Nkoyaphiri Primary School celebrated the successful handover of a pre-primary education unit at Nkoyaphiri Primary School, in the Kweneng District, through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The education unit was constructed following a grant contract signing agreement between the two organizations on the 13th March 2024, when Nkoyaphiri Primary School received grant amount of USD 62,241 from the Government of Japan through its Embassy in Botswana.

When delivering the welcome remarks, Ms. Nkhana Moeketsi, the School Head for Nkoyaphiri Primary School highlighted the importance of early learning as outlined by the Revised National Policy in Education (RNPE), which mandated the establishment of reception classes. She shared that the school's first reception class was housed by a repurposed old storeroom which was not a conducive learning environment. Ms Moeketsi also shared that this development allowed the school to enroll all 67 registered learners. She concluded her speech by expressing her gratitude to the People of Japan for their investment in the school and the education of children, stressing the importance of initiatives such as these.

In delivering his keynote speech, Mr. OGAWA Shin, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Japan to Botswana, emphasized that the new development stands as a true testament of shared commitment and a collective vision to advancing inclusive and equitable quality education to every child, regardless of their challenges. He underscored the fundamental importance of early childhood education for a child's cognitive and social development. This fosters emotional growth and school readiness while ensuring equity and inclusion. Addressing the students, he encouraged them to leverage the opportunities before them, reminding them that education is the key to unlocking their full potential and shaping the world around them. In closing, he reaffirmed Japan's commitment to supporting initiatives that ensure access to quality education for all, in alignment with the country's dedication to SDG 4.

In his Closing Remarks, Honourable Thatayaone Mosimakoko, Deputy Council Chairman, expressed heartfelt appreciation for the humanitarian aid by the People of Japan. He emphasized that the project is a significant milestone in ensuring that every child has equal access to quality education in a conducive learning environment, highlighting education as a vital foundation for shaping the future of both children and their communities. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the successful

completion of the project.

Through the GGP scheme, Japan has supported over 60 projects in Botswana that address human security issues. This is in line with the Botswana Government's aspiration, envisaged in Vision 2036, particularly under the pillar of Human and Social Development, to achieve a moral, tolerant, and inclusive society that provides opportunity for all.

*GGP is a grant scheme which supports projects addressing social challenges and/or aiming at community development at grass-roots level and supports people-centred development projects which have a direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities. In Botswana, from 1997 to date, over 60 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.



Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Japan to Botswana Mr. OGAWA Shin delivering the Keynote Speech



School Head of Nkoyaphiri Primary School Ms. Nkhana Moeketsi giving welcome remarks



Deputy Council Chairman, Hon. Thatayaone Mosimakoko delivering Closing Remarks.



Beneficiaries of the Pre-Primary Unit.



Official opening of the Pre-Primary Unit



Official Opening Ceremony Participants