



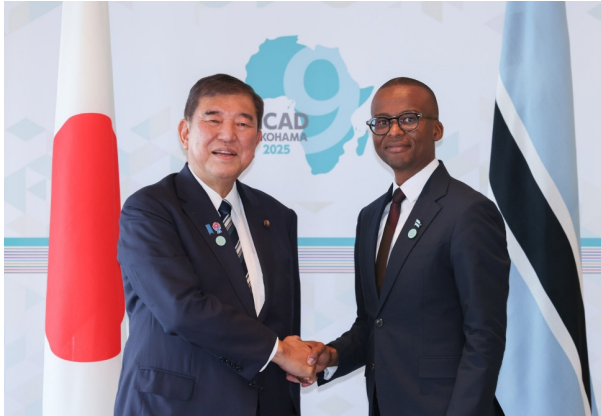
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS



A 60-Year Cordial and Firm Relationship between Japan and Botswana

Japan established diplomatic relations with Botswana upon its 1966 independence, cultivating bilateral ties for 60 years. During this period, Presidents and Ministers have visited Japan, promoting cooperation. In 2025, Vice President and Minister of Finance, H.H. Ndaba Gaolathe has visited Japan twice, including for Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9). These engagements are actively driving expanded Japanese investment.



ECONOMIC COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT



Partners in Progress: Empowering Growth and Sustainable Futures Together

Economic cooperation is a cornerstone of this journey, evolving from foundational infrastructure to advanced technical assistance. Key milestones include the Kazungula Bridge One-Stop Border Post (OSBP) along the North-South Corridor and the Phakalane Power Station. Japan remains a dedicated partner in supporting Botswana's economic diversification and high-quality development.



Empowering Communities: Nurturing Growth at the Grassroots Level

Through Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), Japan has championed numerous initiatives in education, social welfare, and vulnerable group support. In the past decade, 27 projects totaling approximately \$1.7 million have addressed local needs, fostering human security. We remain committed to empowering every citizen for a brighter, inclusive future.



Unearthing Potential Together: Cooperation to Secure Mineral Resources

The strategic partnership in the mining sector has been strengthened by JOGMEC (Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security: an incorporated administrative agency of Japan), with the Botswana Geologic Remote Sensing Centre. JOGMEC empowers local experts and conducts cooperative mineral exploration across southern African countries that have signed the memorandum, utilising satellite image analysis. This approach strengthens mineral resource security while fostering human resource development.



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE



Building Bridges of Friendship: 30 years of Heart-to-Heart Connection

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) have been the living heartbeat of our friendship. Since 1992, more than 460 volunteers have worked hand in hand with communities across Botswana, sharing expertise in education, sports, technology, community development and beyond. By embracing local culture, JOCVs foster mutual understanding and build personal bonds that transcend borders. Their ongoing dedication continues to strengthen our partnership.



Investing in People: Nurturing Knowledge and Leadership for the Future

We have fostered growth through knowledge sharing. A vital pillar is JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP), providing nearly 900 Botswana professionals with advanced training in Japan. From healthcare to agriculture, participants return with invaluable skills to lead Botswana's development. This "human-to-human" investment creates lasting professional networks and mutual understanding.



Empowering Future Leaders: Strengthening Bonds Through Academic Excellence

Education is a powerful tool for development. Central to this is Japan's commitment to nurturing Botswana's brightest minds through scholarship programmes including MEXT scholarship. Many Botswana students have obtained advanced degrees in Japan and acquired world-class expertise in their fields. Upon returning home, these scholars serve as vital bridges, fostering cultural understanding and professional collaboration.



CULTURAL ACTIVITY



Connecting Hearts: Celebrating the Vibrant Tapestry of Cultural Exchange

Cultural exchange has been the vibrant bridge connecting our nations. From martial arts like Judo and Karate, enthusiastic sports as Softball and Badminton to the modern energy of anime and cosplay, our programs have shared Japan's rich heritage with Botswana. These initiatives, including the Japan Film Festival and cultural stall at the Botswana Consumer Fair, foster deep mutual respect and enduring friendships.



UPCOMING EVENTS



'GREENxEXPO 2027' will be held in Yokohama, Japan in 2027. Botswana has officially confirmed its participation, showcasing our shared commitment to sustainability and green innovation



August Special booth at Botswana Consumer Fair

September J-popxCosplay Event, Study in Japan Festival

October Japan Film Festival and more...

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



H.E SHINDO YUSUKE

Ambassador of Japan to Botswana

The year 2026 marks the historic 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Botswana. Since Botswana's independence in 1966, our two nations have forged a bond of unwavering trust—from landmark projects like the Kazungula Bridge to community-based grassroots support and the personal connections of over 1,700 exchange participants.

Building on the shared excitement of last year's World Athletics Championships and our rapidly growing ties in education and business, our friendship is now stronger than ever. This milestone is not merely a reflection on the past; it is a "starting point" for co-creating the next 60 years.

We invite you to read Ambassador Shindo's full message to explore our shared journey and his vision for a brilliant, collaborative future.



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