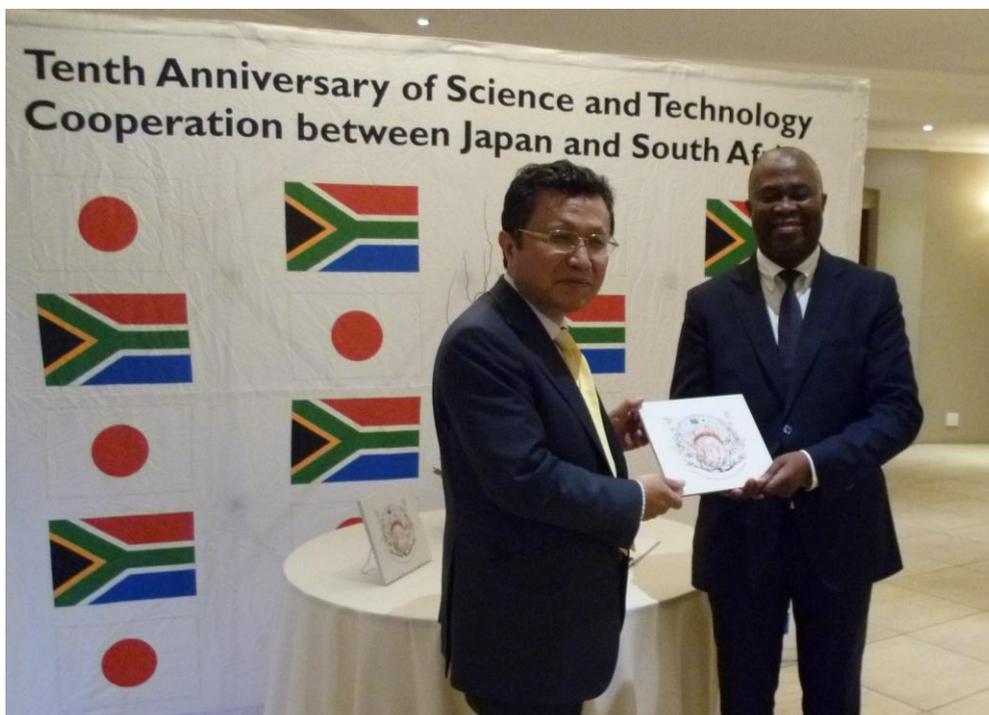


Coffee Table Book on Science and Technology Cooperation between Japan and South Africa launched

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The coffee-table book, *South Africa-Japan Cooperation in Science and Technology* which illustrates how a North-South relationship could be mutually leveraged to benefit both countries and their people was launched and the celebratory event was held hosted by Department of Science and Technology on 9th December 2014.

The strong relations between Japan and South Africa are evident in the range of activities that have taken place since the signing of a bilateral agreement in 2003. The two countries have since invested more than R85 million (over R72 million contributed by Japan) in more than 50 joint research projects and other programmes that have provided South African researchers, scientists and students with access to Japanese expertise and science facilities.

The interim chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Japan, Mr Hiroaki Fujiwara, expressed delight at what both countries had achieved since signing a bilateral agreement in 2003.

He remarked that more than twenty Japanese universities had frameworks for cooperation with South African universities and research institutions, including those between the Nagaoka University of Technology and the Tshwane University of Technology.

"I hope that the book, which has been launched today, will not only be very useful for reflecting on the past cooperation, but also be instrumental in further promotion of cooperation in science and technology between Japan and South Africa," said Mr Fujiwara. He referred also the contribution made by Mrs Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology as well as Mr Hanekom, former Minister of Science and Technology.

Both Dr Mjwara and Mr Fujiwara paid tribute to former Japanese Ambassador Yoshizawa for his efforts to promote the science, technology and innovation cooperation during his term in this country, and they were looking forward to welcoming new Ambassador Hiroki.

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