

## **Ambassador Hiroki attended the opening ceremony of the waste to energy plant at Cape Town**

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Embassy of Japan

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the plant converting plastic waste into fuel was held at the Kraaifontein Waste Management Facility in Cape Town, and the Japanese Ambassador Shigeyuki Hiroki attended the milestone event along with Councillor Ernest Sonnenberg, Executive Mayoral Committee member for Utilities, Mr Hiroyuki Kinomoto, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) South Africa, Mr Tetsuya Sato, General Manager of Overseas Marketing Department, CFP Corporation and other guests.

The waste to energy plant project amounted 1.2 million dollar (100 million Japanese yen) is being carried out by JICA, while the two Japanese companies CFP Corporation and Kanemiya Corporation, have also helped building the pyrolysis plant by providing their technologies. The project itself commenced in March 2014 when JICA, CFP, Kanemiya and the City of Cape Town signed the agreement for this programme.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Hiroki stated that sustainable development is an urgent task in our global society, and Japan, as a nation of technology, has found various ways to reuse and recycle waste products. In this context, the pyrolysis plant project accomplished by JICA working together with Japanese companies, in particular CFP and Kanemiya, and the like minded city, Cape Town, was a symbol of the excellent partnership between Japan and South Africa. Ambassador Hiroki applauded the efforts made by those involved in the success of this epoch-making project. In addition, Ambassador Hiroki hoped that the concept of this waste to energy plant would spread across all the communities in Cape Town, and also expand to all provinces of South Africa.

The Embassy of Japan believes that the relationship between Japan and South Africa would be further strengthened through this project. The Embassy also supports and encourages the broad use of the Japanese waste to energy technology in South Africa towards the sustainable development of this beautiful country.

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Appendix : Pictures in the ceremony



1. The timing of ribbon-cutting



2. Speech made by Ambassador Hiroki



3. plastics-to-oil conversion plant



4. Ambassador holds a jar of extracted oil