

# AMBASSADOR YOSHIZAWA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT ZUMA



On 14 June, Mr Yutaka Yoshizawa, the Ambassador designate of Japan, presented to Mr Jacob Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, the Letters of Credence whereby His Majesty the Emperor of Japan accredited him as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of South Africa. The ceremony took place at the Presidential Guesthouse in Pretoria.

Ambassador Yoshizawa conveyed to President Zuma the Japanese Emperor's desire to further strengthen cordial relations between the two countries.



President Zuma said in his speech that South Africa was humbled that Japan continues to strengthen its partnership with South Africa and the rest of African continent in spite of the hardship brought about by a national tragedy in the form of an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.



Japan is grateful for offers of help and sympathy from South Africa in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011.

Japan considers South Africa as a strategic partner in Africa. To strengthen this partnership, Japan will co-host the 5th meeting of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in Yokohama from the 1st to the 3rd of June 2013.



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