

## HANDOVER CEREMONIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOMS IN MAKAMA PRIMARY IN QUTHING, MARYVALE IN BOTHA BOTHE AND THOKOA IN LEREBE

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2017, three ceremonies handing over blocks of classrooms and toilets, funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme were held in Lesotho. Mr Kazumi Fujimoto Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan attended the ceremonies.



All three schools had no proper classrooms, students used to study in church halls which were dilapidating, leaking and rusty. In Thokoa Primary school, the roofing had been blown away by thunderstorm leaving children with no room to study. The Government of Japan decided to support these schools through grant assistance amounting to M3,095,777.90 for the construction of classrooms and toilets. The new classrooms have aided with the issue of having no space to study as well as providing teachers with the ability to give better quality tuition to smaller classes, which will improve the general learning environment for the learners, giving them greater access to education in a rural part of the country. Furthermore, the classrooms will provide much needed space for extra-curricular activities.



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water supply, climate change and in a variety of other local needs. The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989, and prioritizes human security for vulnerable and marginalised people within society. Since 1990, over 80 GGP projects have been implemented in Kingdom of Lesotho. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2016 (April 2016 - March 2017), the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 2 projects, amounting to approximately M2 million

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