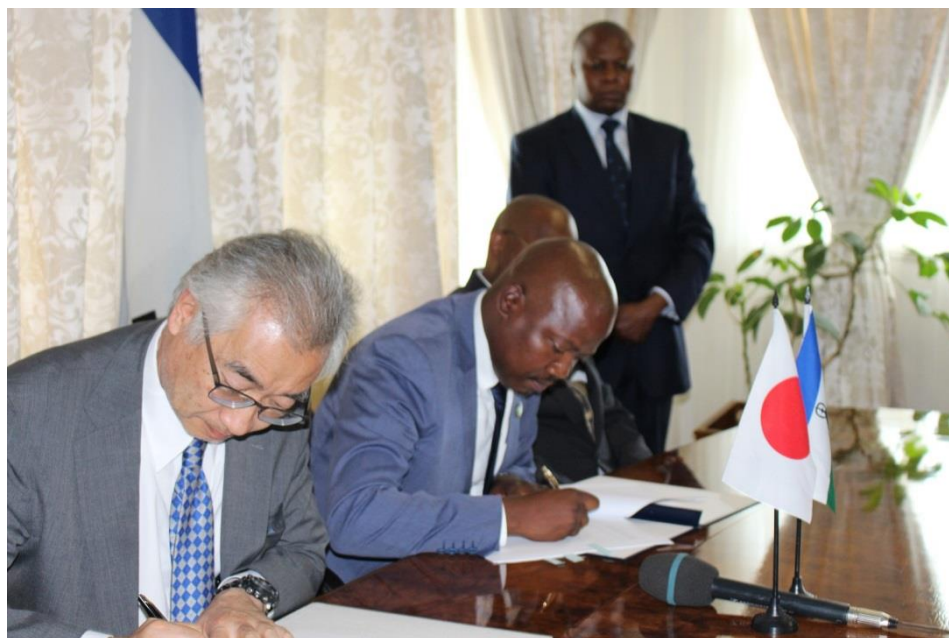


Exchange of Notes between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho for the Food Assistance Grant Aid Programme



1. On the 7th of February, Mr. Shuichiro Kawaguchi, Minister to the Embassy of Japan in South Africa, and H.E. Mr. Halebonoe Set 'sabi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations of the Kingdom of Lesotho, exchanged Notes for the Food Assistance Grant Aid Programme, to the value of two hundred and sixty million Japanese Yen (¥260,000,000).
2. The Kingdom of Lesotho has suffered a severe draught resulting from the El Nino phenomenon in recent years, which has led to the reduction in crop yields. In assisting the Kingdom of Lesotho in tackling their food shortage, Japan has provided the country with the abovementioned Grant Aid aimed at improving food security as well as the nutritional status of the people of Lesotho.