

Press Release

Embassy of Japan in South Africa

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**Ambassador Maruyama Presented Professor Garth Lawrence Shelton with the Decoration
Conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan**



On 24 September 2021, H.E. Ambassador MARUYAMA Norio presented Professor Garth Lawrence Shelton from University of the Witwatersrand with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, the decoration conferred by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan in Autumn 2020.

Ambassador Maruyama expressed his appreciation for Professor Shelton's long-standing contribution to promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and South Africa. In particular, his research on Japan led to the development of Japanese studies in South Africa; he has been promoting people-to-people exchange by being a vital member on the selection panel of the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program; and he has provided in-depth analysis on Japan's policies towards the development of Africa including Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD).

Professor Shelton expressed his gratitude for the Conferment, and described how successful the JET program and the Japanese Government's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship Program have been.

Embassy of Japan in South Africa looks forward to working further with Professor Shelton.

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