

## *Japanese Grant Improves Home for People with Intellectual Disability*

BAPSFONTEIN, Johannesburg, 2 April 2024 – Mr USHIO Shigeru, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of South Africa, attended a ceremony that was held to hand over a renovated facility for Little Eden Society. Improvements to the residential facility were made, through the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) programme.

Little Eden Society is a registered non-profit organisation in operation for over 57 years. They provide long-term care to 300 children and adults with profound intellectual disability in two custom designed residential facilities in Edenvale.

In 2022, the Embassy of Japan received an application from Little Eden Society for grant assistance to improve the facilities for their residents with special needs, which they received. The Embassy of Japan hopes that the renovations, which include an outdoor space and multipurpose rooms, will support a communal living environment and therapeutic activities, and that the upgrades to the ablution and bathing facilities will enable staff to support the changing needs of the residents and others.

This is one of many development projects by the Government of Japan, through the GGP funding scheme. To date, the Embassy of Japan has supported more than 600 GGP projects, implemented throughout the Republic of South Africa.

