

## **Dr Ayanda Lebele, Japan Science Society Book Donation.**

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### **SALUTATIONS:**

**The Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Botswana, Ms. FUJINO yuka,**

**-Manager , Communications & Public Affairs, Mr Kgopane**

**- SRC Minister of Academics affairs , Wamorena Mogalenyana**

**- Colleagues who studied in Japan, Dr Masisi & Dr Selepeng, Dr Moepswa**

**The Manager, Library Information Support**

**The Manger, Library Resources Management and your team, BIUST students and members of the media here.**

I present greetings and a warm welcome to you on this occasion of receiving this noble and generous donation of THE BOOKS FOR UNDERSTANDING JAPAN

The process of justifying our worth in being recipients of this donation was a learning curve for our staff that was involved in the process. It was also a beautiful journey of learning more about each other as we got to know more about Japan while also explaining BIUST aspirations. We are grateful that our application was successful. Thank you for that opportunity Madam, Deputy Ambassador.

Allow me to express appreciation of the transformation from **Read Japan** to **Japan Science Society**, and particularly that even under the new umbrella of **Japan Science Society**, we were still found a worthy recipient of the donation. As a science and engineering university, we are actually happy and more placed with the new parent of **Japan Science Society**.

Books are in their nature works of creativity and intellectual output; and through these works, readers will have a better understanding of Japan. As the library, we will create wide visibility of the collection to all our direct and indirect users. The scope has cultural science issues that include national security, police and military awareness. The current inter-disciplinary learning challenges learners to alter their pre-existing ideas about the world and gain knowledge from different disciplines for solving problems in their career paths and even outside school walls. So trust me, these books will add value to BIUST learning and teaching experience.

Furthermore, both Botswana & the Japanese people have a beautiful culture of extended family. Influenced by the extended family value of being compassionate and caring for our Kingsman, When we made this

application, we had in mind not only the BIUST direct user community, but also our significant extended family users.

BIUST library serves and supports some of our partners like the Botswana Defense Force, a consortium of tertiary education and research libraries and even schools in and around Palapye who we reach out through the Palapye Librarians Forum: a support structure of mainly school and public librarians in and around Palapye. We also share resources through Inter Library Loans agreements. Therefore, in presenting our application, we had that bird's eye view of these users, who due to many other limitations, especially budgetary ones, we are not able to support as wished.

BIUST students, our primary users, also have different cultural growth and development programs, under the leadership of particularly the SRC ministers of International Affairs. & that of Academic Affairs.

Ms. FUJINO, I think by now we have already seen, through the COVID19 influenced eyes, that geographic boundaries are no longer a limitation. BIUST library looks forward to hosting a virtual tour of Contemporary Japan, where you can share more information needed especially by our aspiring scientist. Also link us up with academic librarian in Japanese institutions. As a new university, we do not have a purpose-built library, but are doing

amazing projects that I know they will really love to partner with us in. for example the Presidential **Collection@BIUST** which you had the pleasure of touring; or any staff development initiative.

Madam **The Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Botswana, ladies and gentlemen, you are welcome.**