

Emperor's Birthday Reception (11 March, 2026)

On 11 March, Ambassador and Madame Maekawa hosted the Emperor's Birthday Reception at their residence. The reception was attended by numerous distinguished guests including senior government officials such as Honourable Prof. dr. Amon Murwira, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade; Ambassadors and High Commissioners from the diplomatic corps; representatives from various educational, cultural and sports institutions; representatives from companies operating in Zimbabwe; members of media; and Japanese nationals.

At the ceremony, following the Japanese and Zimbabwean national anthems, Ambassador Maekawa and Minister Murwira delivered speeches and proposed a toast. At the venue, Japanese cuisine and sake, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, were served, and the event also featured exhibitions of products from Japanese companies, ikebana displays, and a judo demonstration, providing an opportunity to showcase the beauty of Japan. Building on the success of this reception, the Embassy will continue to strive for the further development of relations between Japan and Zimbabwe.

