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#### **South Africa joins forces with Japan for skills development**

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*In a bid to address the current backlog of skills development and better maintenance of water infrastructure in the country, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is working towards the possibility of a new partnership with the Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry in Japan.*

*This was revealed when DWS Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete met with Japanese Minister for Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Mr Akihiro Nishimura in Pretoria recently.*

*Deputy Minister said the partnership will afford South Africans a chance to learn from the best in terms of artisanship and other technologies needed to construct sustainable and manageable infrastructure.*

*“Sharing of skills and information between countries, especially from developed countries to developing countries is essential in facilitating growth” Deputy Minister Tshwete said.*

*Singing from the same page, Minister Nishimura expressed his delight over the new joint venture as he remarked that “our country being technologically advanced will assist South Africa and improve the standard of its infrastructure”.*

*The partnership which is yet to be signed will see locals trained as artisans and plumbers by the Japanese as well as the sharing of experiences and processes between the two countries for the growth and development of water infrastructure in South Africa.*

*The Department of Water and Sanitation has a long standing working relationship with the Asian country through the Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA).*

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