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To the children, siblings, extended family, loved ones, friends and countless fans of the legendary Hugh Masekela,

We join you in mourning a great human being: musician, activist, and a fine gentleman.

I had the distinct honour of having met Mr Masekela, and we reminisced about his visits to Japan and his collaboration with Japanese artists, such as the contemporary jazz pianist Keiko Matsui. His links with Japan went even further back, with Motohiko Hino, brother of the legendary trumpeter Terumasa Hino, being his drummer during Mr Masekela's years in New York.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sorrowful time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shigeyuki Hiroki', written in a cursive style.

SHIGEYUKI HIROKI
Ambassador