

HANDOVER CEREMONY AT TWILIGHT CHILDREN IN HILLBROW

On the 23rd of August 2013, Twilight Children in Johannesburg hosted a handover ceremony



for a school bus funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremony was attended by Ambassador Yutaka Yoshizawa, Mr Sello Hatang from the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Twilight staff members and children and representatives from the Hillbrow Ward Council.

In order to assist with the safe transportation of the street children to school, the Government of Japan decided to provide a grant amounting to approximately R736,900 for the purchase of a school bus. At the occasion, Ambassador Yoshizawa emphasised the importance of Mandela Day by saying that “everybody is supposed to take one small step in order to make the world a better place, just as former President Nelson Mandela did”. This project also formed a part of the Embassy of Japan’s contribution to Mandela Day.



The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme is intended to assist NGOs, schools and local authorities in addressing development needs in areas such as education, health, water supply and the environment.

The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989, and prioritizes human security for vulnerable and marginalised people within society. Since 1990, 562 GGP projects have been implemented in South Africa. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2012 (April 2012–March 2013), the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 11 projects, amounting to approximately R 8,489,000.

