

## HANDOVER CEREMONY AT THE BOIKGANTHSO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MAMELODI

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 Boikgantsho Primary School in Mamelodi hosted a handover ceremony for a Science Laboratory and Library funded by the Embassy of Japan through The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The



ceremony was attended by Minister Ken Okaniwa of the Embassy of Japan, the relevant persons from the schools and representatives from the Department of Education and BMW.

In order to improve the learning environment, the Government of Japan decided to

provide assistance amounting to R312, 455 for the construction of a library and a science laboratory. It is hoped that this project will contribute to raising the level of academic achievement of the pupils at Boikgantsho Primary School. Minister Okaniwa emphasised the importance of education and expressed Japan's commitment to support those in need in South Africa.



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In JFY 2011 (April 2010 – March 2011) the Embassy of Japan extended GGP funding to 11 projects amounting to R7, 242,974.

## HANDOVER CEREMONY AT THE SHIRINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MAMELODI



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 Shirinda Primary School in Mamelodi West hosted a handover ceremony for the palisade fence funded by the Embassy of Japan through The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremony was attended by Minister Ken Okaniwa of the Embassy of Japan, the relevant persons from the schools and representatives from the Department of Education and Department of Health.

The school is located in an area with a particularly high crime rate. While the school had made efforts to maintain security in the school with the help of the local police and parents, the low barbed wire fencing was not enough to protect the school. In order to improve security in the school, the Government of Japan decided to provide assistance in the provision of a palisade fence amounting to R482, 300.00. It is hoped that this project will contribute to creating a safer learning environment in which the pupils can study without fear.



The Minister thanked South Africans for their sympathy and support in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and expressed Japan's commitment to continue support to those in need in South Africa.

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