

## HANDOVER CEREMONY AT MGWEZANI COMBINED SCHOOL IN KWAGGAFONTEIN

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2013, Mgwezani Combined School in Mpumalanga hosted a handover ceremony for four new classrooms funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant



Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremony was attended by Mr Hiroaki Fujiwara, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy, school staff members, students and representatives from the Department of Education.

In order to improve the learning environment, the Government of Japan decided to provide a grant amounting to approximately R581,000 for a new block of four classrooms. The new classrooms will be used to teach Grade R, Grade 1 and Grade 3. At the occasion, Mr Fujiwara said: “The new classrooms will be of great advantage to the learners at this school and maintained as a symbol of friendship between Japan and South Africa”. It is hoped that this project will contribute to raising the level of the pupils’ academic achievement at Mgwezani Combined School.



The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme is intended to assist schools, NGOs 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.

