

## HANDOVER CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBRARY, SCIENCE LABORATORY AND RENOVATION OF THE 15 CLASSROOMS AT BUNYA COMBINED SCHOOL IN KAVANGO WEST REGION

On Tuesday, 7 July 2015, Bunya Combined School in Kavango West Region, hosted a Handover Ceremony for the project of Construction of a Library and a Science Laboratory as well as Renovation of 15 classrooms. The project was funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremony was attended by Mr Shinichi Hamada, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan and distinguished guests from the region.



To help improve the learning environment for the students and teachers, the Government of Japan decided to support this school through the grant assistance amounting to US\$109,213 (approximately NAD 1150,000).

Education and economic empowerment are some of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP assistance to Namibia. The GGP is intended to assist NGOs and local authorities in addressing development needs in a prompt and comprehensive manner in areas such as education, health, water supply, climate change and in a variety of other local needs. The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989, and prioritizes human security for vulnerable and marginalised people within society. Since 1997, the Embassy of Japan has supported local authorities and NGOs in Namibia with 41 projects. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2014 (April 2014 - March 2015) the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 3 projects amounting to approximately NAD 3 million.