

HANDOVER CEREMONY OF THREE CLASSROOMS AT ONIIPA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ONDANGWA

On Thursday, 12 February 2015, Oniipa Primary School in Ondangwa, Oshikoto, Namibia, hosted a handover ceremony of three classrooms and a storeroom that were built through the funding by the Embassy of Japan under its 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 in Namibia and Mr Tomohide Yamada, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in South Africa.



The Government of Japan decided to support this school through a grant amounting to approximately NAD 844,000 (US\$80,271). Currently the school has a total of 845 students of grade 1-7 students. The grant made it possible for Oniipa Primary School to build a store room and one standard 3 classroom-block with furniture for the Grade 7 students who had to be taught in incomplete zinc classrooms. The GGP's assistance to the school will contribute tremendously towards achieving the goal of access to education by more learners.



Education and economic empowerment are some of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP assistance in 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 over 38 projects in Namibia. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014) the Embassy extended GGP assistance to 3 projects amounting to approximately NAD 3.2 million.