HANDOVER CEREMONY OF A FARMER TRAINING CENTRE TO KOMEHO NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AT VASDRAAI RESETTLEMENT FARM, KALAHARI CONSTITUENCY, OMAHEKE REGION



Handing over the key from H.E. Mr Hideyuki Sakamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, to Hon. Festus Ueitele, Governor of Omaheke Region and Hon. Ignatius Kariseb, Chairman of Omaheke Regional Council (from the left)

The Government of Japan decided to extend grant assistance for the centre amounting to NAD 1,045,583.23 (US\$90,421), in order to contribute to support disadvantaged black farmers and youth of minority groups, hence to mitigate the poverty and unemployment in Namibia. Komeho Namibia Development Agency which was founded in 2002 with the main purpose of improving and developing facilities in rural communities in Namibia, will be responsible for managing the centre and providing agricultural vocational training at the centre to those disadvantaged population in the community.

On Monday, 7 March 2016, Komeho Namibia Development Agency hosted a handover ceremony of a Farmer Training Centre (FTC) funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme at Vasdraai Resettlement Farm, Omaheke Region. At the ceremony, H.E. Mr Hideyuki Sakamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, handed over the facility to Hon. Festus Ueitele, Governor of Omaheke Region as a representative of the people in Region and the Government of Namibia, with attendance of high level officials and community members.



Hon. Ignatius Kariseb, Chairman of Omaheke Regional Council, Madame Nelago Kasuto, Managing Director, Komeho Namibia Development Agency, H.E. Mr Hideyuki Sakamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, to Hon. Festus Ueitele, Governor of Omaheke Region (from the right)



Education and economic empowerment are some of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP assistance to Namibia. The GPP is intended to assist NGOs and local authorities in addressing various development needs in a prompt and comprehensive manner. The Since 1997, the Embassy of Japan, through GGP scheme, has supported 47 projects in Namibia, responding to various local needs in areas such as education, health, agriculture, skill development, among others, prioritising human security for vulnerable and marginalised people within society, with approximate total amount of 270 million Japanese Yen, equivalent to 38 million Namibian Dollar

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