

## HANDOVER CEREMONY OF THREE CLASSROOMS AND A STORE ROOM AT KANDUME COMBINED SCHOOL IN OSHIVELO, OSHIKOTO, NAMIBIA

On Thursday, 30 October 2014, Kandume Combined School in Oshivele, Oshikoto, Namibia, hosted a handover ceremony of three classrooms and a store room that was built, funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremony was attended by Mr Tomohide Yamada, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan and other high officials.



The Government of Japan decided to support this school through grant assistance amounting to approximately NAD 905,561 (US\$109,561), in order to enable the construction of three classrooms and a store room. The GGP's assistance will contribute tremendously towards achieving the goal of access to education by more learners as well as improving the learning environment for the students and teachers.



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 over 38 projects. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014) the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 3 projects amounting to approximately NAD 3.2 million.