

HANDOVER CEREMONY AT KAMERU SENIOR PRIMARY ECO SCHOOL IN OPUWO

On the 6th of August 2013, Kameru Senior Primary Eco School in Namibia hosted a handover ceremony for a new science laboratory and library 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, the Mayor of Opuwo, the Regional Director of Education, school staff members, students and local community members.

In order to improve the inadequate educational facilities at Kameru Senior Primary Eco School, the Government of Japan decided to provide a grant amounting to R836,000 for a new library and science laboratory. At the occasion, Mr Yamada said “the new laboratory will provide the students with an interactive approach to learning...and the library will inspire the students with a love of reading and writing”. Mr Yamada also spoke of the cooperation between Japan and Namibia and the progress that was made at Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) held in June.



It is hoped that this project at Kameru Senior Primary Eco School will contribute to raising the level of the pupils' academic achievement and also form a part of the good relations between Japan and Namibia.

The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme intendeds 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 1997, 35 GGP projects have been implemented in the Republic of Namibia. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2012 (April 2012–March 2013), the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 3 projects, amounting to NM\$ 2,607,000.

