

HAND OVER CEREMONY AT USAKOS MULTI-PURPOSE YOUTH CENTRE, ERONGO REGION, IN REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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On 25 September 2012, Usakos Multi-Purpose Youth Recourse Centre hosted a handover ceremony for the provision of bricks manufactured equipment funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The ceremony was attended by Mr. Tomohide Yamada, First Secretary from the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of South Africa, with Mr. Pohamba Shifeta, Deputy-Minister of Youth, Sport National Service and Culture, Mr. Akser Mwafangeyo, Mayor of Usakos, and the relevant persons from the youth centre and community.

In order to improve the social well-being of youth by creating job opportunities by manufacturing bricks to generate income, the Government of Japan decided to provide assistance amounting to N\$ 231,202 for the provision of special equipment including colt static brick making equipment, a pan mixer, and moulds and other related equipment.

On the occasion, Mr. Yamada stressed that vocational training, to provide job opportunities for the youth and involve them in economic activities, is one of the sectors the Japanese government assists with the aim of promoting future economic prosperity. It is hoped that this project will contribute to not only creating sustainable job opportunities for the youth, but also to improving the housing environment in the Usakos area as a means to improve the quality of life and living standards of people and communities.



GGP is intended to assist NGOs and local authorities in addressing development needs in a prompt and complete manner in areas such as education, health, water supply, climate change and a variety of local needs in a flexible manner. Since 1997, the Embassy of Japan has supported NGOs and local authorities in the Republic of Namibia for over 32 projects amounting to over N\$ 17 million.