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Members of the press are welcome to attend the event which will take place at the Board Room of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Windhoek, Namibia, at 10:00 on Thursday 27th April 2017.

COMPLETION OF THE NORTHERN CROP AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN PROJECT

On the 27th of April 2017, H.E. Mr Hideyuki Sakamoto, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, will declare a successful completion of “Northern Crop and Livestock Development Master Plan Study (N-CLIMP) Project” and will hand over the project achievements to Hon. Anna Shiweda, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry.

The project aims to introduce market oriented agriculture for small-scale farmers in order to uplift lives of those farmers by enhancing productivities and market access. The project started in 2014 targeting the four regions in the North, namely, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto and Ohangwena. Five Japanese experts dispatched by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided technical assistance to Namibian counterparts.

During the last three years of the project implementation, various agriculture technical measures for crop production, livestock production and farm management suitable and durable for Namibia’s harsh nature conditions, have been introduced and implemented on pilot basis by small-scale farmers, Agriculture Technicians and MAWF officials. The results have shown effectiveness of these measures for improving agricultural productivities and farmers’ income. The project’s experiences and achievements have been compiled in a form of a Master Plan and a farmers’ training manual. In addition, agricultural equipment & materials, such as Drip Irrigation Kits, Water tanks, fencing materials, fertilizer and seeds etc., and office equipment totally worth about 1.5 million Namibian Dollars were donated to the Government of Namibia.

Upon the successful completion of the project, Ambassador Sakamoto will hand over the Master Plan & Training manual to Hon. Anna Shiweda, Deputy Minister so that the achievement made through the project will further be widely disseminated and practiced, as the result; benefit the small-scale farmers on the ground in Namibia.

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