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Ambassador, Minister, Six recipient schools' principals and Director of Education department in Khomas and Kavango West.



Ambassador handing over a list of the six school projects funded by the Government of Japan to Minister, as a token of the strong partnership between two governments.

### **SIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVES GRANT, TOTALLING ABOUT NAD 5 MILLION, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN FY2017**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2018, a signing ceremony, which confirmed the Government of Japan's grant assistance, totalling 418,563 USD (approximately five million Namibian Dollars), in support of six public schools in the Republic of Namibia, was held at the office of the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture. During the event, **H.E Mr. Hideyuki Sakamoto, Ambassador of Japan and the principals of the six recipient schools signed grant contracts in the presence of Hon. Ms. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.** Ambassador Sakamoto then handed over a list of the six schools to be supported by the Government of Japan in FY2017 to Hon. Minister Hanse-Himarwa as a token of the strong partnership between two governments.

The Government of Japan, through its Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) in FY 2017, will support construction of new school blocks consisting of four/three permanent classrooms and one store room respectively, in order to provide more conducive educational environment. Four schools in Khomas region, namely "**Augeikhas Primary School**", "**Groot Aub Primary School**", "**Martti Ahtisaari Primary School**" and "**Tobias Hainyeko Primary School**" are supported in their efforts of abolishing the platoon (double session) system. Two schools in Kavango West region, "**Ncagu Combined School**" and "**Ntara Combined School**" are to utilise the grant for provision of classrooms with permanent structure for the learners who are currently forced to learn in iron-sheet structure due to rapidly increasing number of pupils. About 6,500 learners of these six schools are going to benefit from the support from the Government of Japan.

Education is one of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP to Namibia. Total number of schools supported through GGP since its inception in Namibia in 1997 is going to be 38 with the total grant amount of approximately NAD 27.5 million.

The Government of Japan has been implementing GGP in Namibia since 1997, aiming at bringing about direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities at a grass-roots level by supporting relatively small development projects in areas of local needs such as education, agriculture, health. To date, 54 projects have been supported, totally amounting to approximately NAD 37.5 million. Since the establishment of its Embassy in Windhoek in 2015, the annual volume of the grant has almost doubled.

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