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Ribbon Cutting of the new school block by H.E. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, and Hon. Ester Anna-Lisa Nghipondoka, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.



Celebrating the successful completion of the project in a classroom with a class teacher and learners of Grade 1, who are going to learn in the morning, doing away with the double session system.

HANDOVER OF A NEW SCHOOL BLOCK FUNDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO THE TOBIAS HAINYEKO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TOBIAS HAINYEKO CONSTITUENCY, KHOMAS REGION

On Thursday 22nd November 2018, a handing over ceremony of a new school block which was funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was held at the Tobias Hainyeko Primary School in Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, Khomas region. **H.E Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, officiated the event and handed over the facility to Hon. Ester Anna-Lisa Nghipondoka, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.**

The Tobias Hainyeko Primary School was established in 1996 in response to the growing population in the area after independence. It currently accommodates 1,615 learners from pre-primary to Grade 7 with 50 teachers. The school is located in one of the disadvantaged settlements in Windhoek where the population is rapidly growing. In order to accommodate the dramatically increasing number of learners, the school is forced to follow the platoon (double session) system, sacrificing quality education. It is within this background that the Government of Japan extended a grant amounting to NAD 942,418.80 in order to build a new school block consisting of four permanent classrooms and one store room. The beneficiary of this new block is 160 learners of grade 1. Japan's assistance seeks to contribute in doing away with the double session system.

Education is one of the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP to Namibia and the Tobias Hainyeko Primary School is the 34th school that has benefitted from Japan's GGP. GGP aims 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 be implemented by Non-Profit Organisations and local authorities. The Government of Japan has been implementing the GGP in Namibia since 1997. To date, 54 projects have been supported, totally amounting to approximately NAD 37.5 million.

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