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H.E. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, and Hon. Obeth kandjoze, Director General, National Planning Commission, exchanging notes

On Thursday, 24 September 2020, the signing ceremony for the provision of vocational training equipment supported by the the Government of Japan under the Economic and Social Development Programme was held at the National Planning Commission. During the ceremony, **H.E. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, and Hon. Obeth Kandjoze, Director General of the National Planning Commission, signed Exchange of Notes on the programme**. This cooperation worth 300 million Japanese yen (approximately 50 million Namibian dollars) is to provide equipment for the Zambezi Vocational Training Centre, specifically its new workshops for auto mechanics and for air conditioning and refrigeration.

This cooperation is to support the Namibian Government's continued efforts in expanding quality vocational education and enhancing the employability of Namibian people, especially the youth. It was expressed at the summit meeting between Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob held last year in Japan alongside the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7). On that occasion, the Government of Japan pledged to bilaterally cooperate with the Government of Namibia in the area of vocational training, as Japan sees that it is a central pillar in the sustained economic and social development of Namibia.

The Government of Japan has been supporting Namibia's aspiration towards sustainable and inclusive development set out in its development policies, namely Vision 2030, the National Development Plans and the Harambee Prosperity Plan. Therefore, we are greatly honored that the Japanese Government joins this challenging endeavor with the Government of Namibia.

For more information on Japan's long-standing development cooperation with Namibia, please see our website:

https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/cooperation.html

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