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JAPANESE AID SUPPORTING MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICE IN SWAKOPMUND



H.E. Ambassador HARADA Hideaki (left), H.W. Ms. Louisa Kativa, Mayor of Swakopmund (right)

On 24 March 2021, H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, signed a Grant Contract with H.W. Ms. Louisa Kativa, Mayor of Swakopmund, at the Council Chamber of Swakopmund. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Councillors and Mr. Alfeus Benjamin, CEO, General Managers, Mr. Melvin Cloete, Manager of Emergency and Law Enforcement, Mr. Adri Goosen, Chief Fire Brigade Officer of the Municipality of Swakopmund and Mr. Phillip Oosthuysen, the Chairperson of the Swakopmund Rotary Club and other members of the Rotary Club as well as the representatives of Media.

The Grant Contract in the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was signed to sponsor reconditioning and shipment of two recycled ambulances from Japan worth about 250,000 NAD. The initiative was taken by the Rotary Clubs of Swakopmund and Kawasaki North (in the vicinity of Yokoyama City) to make use of the existing mechanism to give a second chance to ambulances which are still in good condition but have passed their service life of the municipalities in Japan. The Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy also signed a partnership agreement with the Municipality of Swakopmund and will facilitate liaising with Japanese Municipalities which will donate the vehicles. In case of Swakopmund, Kawasaki City will be donating one ambulance. Another ambulance will be donated by Daito Shijonawate Firefighting Association in Osaka Prefecture. This is the first time that recycled vehicles will be transported to Namibia within the framework of GGP. When these ambulances are received by the Municipality of Swakopmund, it will be the second Municipality in Namibia to possess its own ambulances after Windhoek and its capacity to respond to medical emergencies will be greatly improved.

The Government of Japan has introduced GGP in Namibia since 1997. GGP aims at achieving direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities at a grassroots level by supporting relatively small development projects in areas such as education, agriculture and health, to be implemented by non-profit organisations and local authorities.

In addition to the Municipality of Swakopmund, one resource, two combined, four primary schools were awarded grant assistance worth more than NAD 6.3 million in the framework of the Japanese GGP in fiscal year 2020.

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H.E. Ambassador HARADA Hideaki, H.W. Ms. Louisa Kativa, Mayor of Swakopmund (seated from left to right) Mr. Alfeus Benjamin, CEO, Municipality of Swakopmund (far left), Mr. Phillip Oosthuysen, the Chairperson of the Swakopmund Rotary Club (third from right, standing) Mr. Claus Goldbeck, Councillor of Swakopmund (second from right, standing)



Donated by Kawasaki City in Kanagawa Pref.



Donated by Daito Shijonawate firefighting association in Osaka Pref.

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