

# Emperor's Birthday Reception (23 February 2023)

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On 23 February, Ambassador Nishimaki hosted the national day reception at Safari Hotel in Windhoek to celebrate the 63th birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. The event was attended by 127 participants, with Namibia government officials such as Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, Hon. Heather Sibungo, Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Hon. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende, Deputy Minister of Finance, Hon. Nathalia /Goagoses, Deputy Minister of Urban and Rural Development ; Ambassadors and High Commissioners of the diplomatic corps; academic, cultural, sports, and media figures and members of companies and organisations operating in Namibia.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Nishimaki introduced Japan's past support to Namibia, including the dispatch of Japanese election observers during Namibia's independent elections in 1989, the construction of more than 300 school classrooms through the Grassroots Grant Assistance Project, and the dispatch of approximately 160 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to Namibia. He expressed his wish for the future development of Japan-Namibia relations in the areas of economic cooperation, culture and tourism, as well as in the economic field.

The guest of honour, Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, expressed her gratitude for Japan's support to Namibia and expressed her wish for further promotion of bilateral relations on behalf of the Namibian government.

Miss International Namibia, Erika Kazombaruru, who is also the Visit Japan Tourism Envoy, expressed her wish to contribute to future exchanges between Namibia and Japan, and a performance by the Namibian Kendo Federation took place during the ceremony.

A public information booth was set up in cooperation with the JICA Namibia office to introduce Japan's economic cooperation activities with Namibia, and the Japanese cultural booth run by the Embassy's cultural section offered sake tasting to visitors.



Ambassador Nishimaki and Miss International Namibia welcoming guest of Honor (Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture) at the receiving line.



Remarks by Ambassador Nishimaki



Remarks by Hon. Caley



Remarks by Miss. International,  
Erika Kazombaruru



Performance by Namibia Kendo  
Federation



Booth of JICA  
Namibia Office



During the Ceremony



Provision of Japanese Buffet



Provision of Sake



Booth of Embassy's  
Cultural Section