

Certificate of Appreciation Ceremony for Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers(16 March 2023)

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On 16 March 2023, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in Namibia, H.E. Mr. Nishimaki held a handover ceremony at the Education Ministry attended by Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts & Culture. These ceremony saw handing over of Certificates of Appreciation signed by H.E. Mr. Nishimaki, Ambassador of Japan and Hon. Anna Nghipondoka, Minister of Education, Arts & Culture to four Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers who completed their professional activities in March.

This was the first time that Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers were awarded Certificates of Appreciation since their deployment to Namibia in 2006.

The recipients of the certificate of appreciation (for the period from September 24, 2021 to March 21, 2023) are: Mr. Masahiro Okubo (Moreson Special School, Welfare and Education for persons with Disabilities), Ms. Mai Kawahata (Erongosig Primary School, Primary school education), Ms. Mami Sugawara (Karundu Primary School, Primary school education), Ms. Kaho Matsushita (Vooruit Primary School, Primary school education).



(from left) Ms. Sugawara, Ms. Kawahata, Hon. Faustina Caley, H.E. Mr. Nishimaki, Ms. Matsushita, Mr. Okubo

Ministry of Education presented the volunteers with souvenirs of Namibia.

In his address at this distinguished ceremony, H.E. Mr. Nishimaki stated that the deployment of Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to Namibia has been historically successful and it is an important program for both Japan and Namibia, He also expressed his gratitude to the participants for their past activities and achievements in Namibia, which symbolize the cooperative relationship between the two countries.

In substitution of Minister of Education, Arts & Culture, Hon. Anna Nghipondoka, who was unable to attend the meeting due to an urgent official engagement, Deputy Minister, Hon. Faustina Caley delivered her remarks, saying, "I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your contribution to the development of friendly relations between our two countries. The members of the corps have made a lasting impression on the children of Namibia, and their contribution to Namibian education has been irreplaceable and is our legacy. Furthermore, I would like to thank you not only for your support at the schools, but also for your true understanding of the country of Namibia and your interaction with the local people. The Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers program is a successful example of bilateral cooperation. I wish for the continued development of Japan-Namibia relations in the years to come. I hope that Japan-Namibia relations will continue to grow in the future."



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