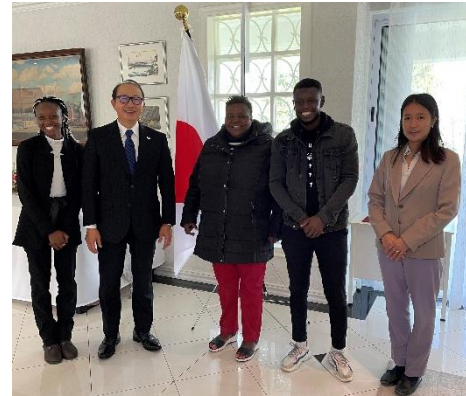


# ナミビア通信社による西牧大使のインタビュー (令和5年5月16日)

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令和5年5月16日、西牧大使は、マギー・ナミビア通信社記者によるインタビューを受けました。

インタビュー中、西牧大使はナミビア独立に際する選挙監視員の派遣や、およそ160名のJICA海外協力隊としての日本人教師の現地学校派遣、300以上の学校建設など、これまでの日本の対ナミビア支援について説明しました。1990年から2022年までの日本の対ナミビア支援総額はおよそ2億7,100万米ドルにのぼります。

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## Japan's investment bolsters Namibia's stability - ambassador

The Japanese government has invested nearly N\$5.2 billion in several projects in Namibia over the last 10 years to foster stability and development in the country.

In an interview with *Nampana* last week, the ambassador of Japan to Namibia, Hisao Nishimaki, said the amicable relationship between the two countries is strengthening. He elucidated that the Japanese government has invested US\$271 million (roughly N\$5.2 billion at current exchange rates) in various projects across the country over the last 10 years. Between 2020 and 2022, the government of Japan provided 17 Namibian hospitals with medical equipment amounting to approximately N\$954 million, while another N\$954 million went towards

providing the Zambezi Vocational Training Centre with training equipment. Japan's major contributions have been in human resources development, agricultural development, industrialisation and emergency response. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has also dispatched 158 volunteers to local schools, regional governments and vocational training centres since 2006.

"Now, we can proudly say we have built more than 300 classrooms in primary schools from the Zambezi region to the //Karas region, as well as dispatched more than 160 professional and qualified volunteer teachers," he beamed. Nishimaki said they likewise enabled over 1 600 Namibians to go to Japan with

fully-funded scholarships at international universities. Speaking about Namibia's economic growth avenues, he recognised that the logistics and transport sectors are vital to Namibia, and Africa at large.

As a result, the Japanese embassy has worked closely with Namibia to produce the strategic Master Plan for an International Logistics Hub from 2013 to 2015. "If this project is successful, Japanese companies located in South Africa will also look at Namibia as a hub country," the ambassador noted. Phase 2, which is currently underway, deals with an increase in cargo at the Walvis Bay port. Japan is Namibia's third-placed donor, following the United States and Germany.

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