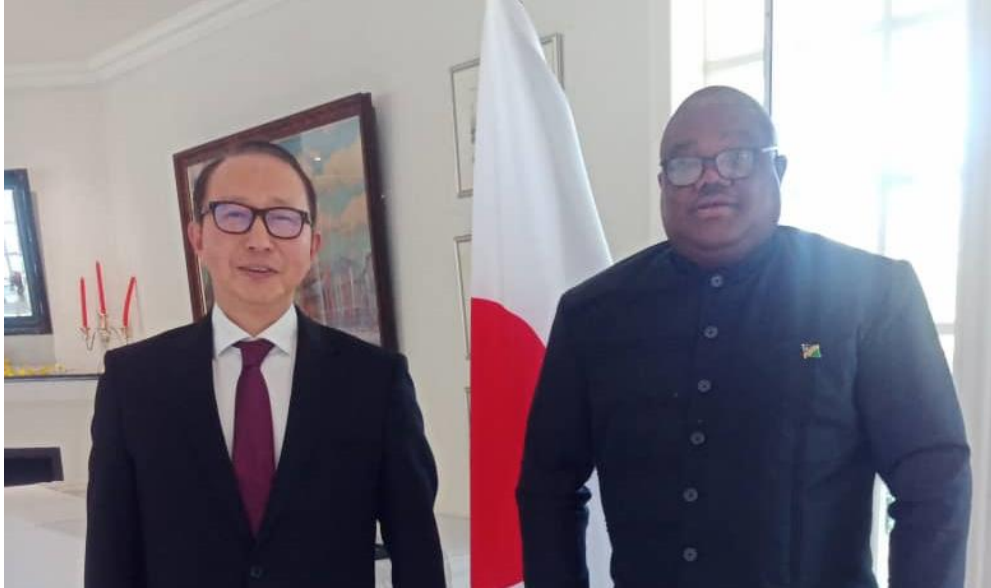


## Meeting with His Worship Joseph Uapingene, Mayor of City of Windhoek (7 July 2023)

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**Ambassador Nishimaki with His Worship Joseph Uapingene,  
the Mayor of the City of Windhoek (on the right).**

On 7 July 2023, Ambassador Nishimaki hosted His Worship Mr. Joseph Uapingene the Mayor of the City of Windhoek at the Ambassador's residence in Windhoek.

During the meeting, His Worship Joseph Uapingene briefed Ambassador about the huge tasks that comes with running the Capital City of Namibia, a bustling Cosmopolitan Metropolis. The City of Windhoek according to the Mayor is the most populated urban centre in the country with major business activities and the central government is run from here. It thus grows exponentially with rural urban migration a major contributor as people flock to the capital in search of employment opportunities. This creates a major housing problem and places a huge strain on the basic amenities such as public health and education facilities, as well as creating challenges to infrastructure for the provision of water, sanitation and electricity services to the mushrooming informal settlements.

The Ambassador explained the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Namibia including the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects(GGP) program and activities of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers(JOCVs) dispatched by Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA). Through various projects over the years the City of Windhoek in particular has received assistance on numerous major projects in the fields of health, education and even urban-agriculture.

His Worship Uapingene expressed his gratitude for the support from Japan through the Embassy and they both exchanged views on how to strengthen relations between Japan and Namibia, especially regarding development cooperation in various areas.