

## **Japanese Cultural Exhibition by The Embassy at the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 25-27 August 2023**

The Embassy of Japan participated in the 22nd Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair that took place from the 25 August 2023 – 02 September 2023. The trade fair which has officially opened on the 27 August 2023 by the Deputy Minister of Industrialisation and Trade, Hon. Verna Sinimbo, who spoke on behalf of H. E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob said the 418 local and international exhibitors reflect a fair number of active economic sectors in the country.

The Embassy showcased its traditional attire “Yukata” which is a summer counterpart of the “Kimono” usually made from breathable fabrics like cotton, visitors to the stand could take pictures with the attire. Additionally one could also try the Japanese “Happi Coat” attire which is usually worn during festival occasion.

Furthermore, the Embassy stand offered Information on Studying in Japan, The MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) fully funded scholarships and also VISA related information.



**Ambassador Nishimaki together with Hon. Utoni Nujoma, Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation of Namibia trying out the “Happi Coat” .**



**Ambassador Nishimaki with Hon. Walde Ndevashiya, Governor of Ohangwena Region, trying out the Yukata.**



**Ambassador Nishimaki together with Ambassador of Indonesia H.E. Wisnu Edi Pratignyo and his spouse trying out the Happi Coat**



**Ambassador Nishimaki with visitors to the stand trying out the Happi Coat.**



**Information handed out to the public, including scholarship and VISA related information**



**Japanese Happi Coat, Yukata and Shoes.**