

On the 20th of September, the Japanese Embassy in collaboration with the Japan Foundation organized a movie night at the National Theatre of Namibia (NTN).

During his remarks Ambassador Nishimaki indicated that, even though this is the first movie screening at NTN, the Embassy and the NTN relationship is long standing when the Japanese Government donated Sound System Equipment to the National Theatre about 20 years ago. He concluded by saying it is his hope that, by showing Japanese Movies, brings audience closer to Japan and gives them an understanding of Japan.

Screened on the night was an anime called *“The Place Promised in Our Early Days”* directed by Shinkai Makoto, with a well attendance of around 70 people. Below are some of the comments from the audience after the viewing of the movie:

- *“I love Makoto Shinkai movies. So beautiful. Arigato. Made me dream of Japan”.*
- *“It was quite emotional and left a great impression”.*
- *“It was my first time attending an event hosted by the Japanese embassy, it was a great experience and it showcased great friendship, support of dreams and never giving up”.*



*Inside the theatre*



*Our Cultural Booth at the entrance of the theatre*



*Ambassador Nishimaki delivering his remarks at the movie night.*



*Poster of the Film Night*



*Ms. Riturumikua Hei who was the master of proceedings for the night.*



*Ms. Mariko Yano doing welcoming remarks at the movie night.*