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GRAND UNVEILING: INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR NEWLY DONATED CLASSROOMS AT TWO (2) OF THE SCHOOLS IN THE OHANGWENA REGION

Join us in celebrating a new chapter for education as we unveil our newly constructed classroom facility with funding from the Government of Japan.

WINDHOEK, Khomas –the Embassy of Japan in Namibia joyfully unveils the formal opening of the newly constructed school facilities at below two (2) schools:

- Oipya Primary School, Engela, Ohangwena
- Savo Nuts Private School, Oshikango, Ohangwena

The Government of Japan has donated school facilities in Namibia since 1997 with our belief that education is the base for the bright future of Namibia.

“I am very happy and excited because this project has created a good conducive environment for learning and has also made teaching easier“ says Mrs. Aune Hamupolo, Principal of Oipya Primary School.

“Our learners are very happy about the new conducive environment, and the ablution facilities dignify them!“ says Mr. Shingirai Mbuji, Director of Savo Nuts Private School.

To celebrate these achievements, Oipya Primary School and Savo Nuts Private School will be separately hosting an inauguration ceremony as below, and these remarkable events signify a notable stride in our dedication to supporting Namibian students and nurturing a space conducive to development and education:

1. Oipya Primary School

- Venue: Oipya Primary School (Latitude: 17° 28' 11.922" S; Longitude: 15° 45' 22.302" E)
- Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023
- Time: Between 13:00 – 15:00
- The construction project has added a school block, consisting of three (3) spacious classrooms and a storeroom.
- H.E. Mr. Hisao Nishimaki, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia will hand over the newly constructed facility to Hon. Anna Nghipondoka, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture.
- We are also honoured to have Hon. Anna Nghipondoka, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture as our keynote speaker.
- Hon. Sebastian Ndeitunga, Governor of Ohangwena Region will give welcoming remarks.

2. Savo Nuts Private School

- Venue: Savo Nuts Private School (Latitude: 17° 24' 16.908" S; Longitude: 15° 53' 42.462" E)
- Date: Friday, 24 November 2023
- Time: Between 10:00 - 12:30
- The construction project has added a school block, consisting of four (4) spacious classrooms, four (4) teacher's room/ storeroom, and ablution facilities.

- H.E. Mr. Hisao Nishimaki, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia will hand over the newly constructed facility to Hon. Sebastian Ndeitunga, Governor of Ohangwena Region.
- Hon. Darius Shaalukeni, Mayor of Helao Nafidi will give welcoming remarks.

We cordially invite the media to share in this moment of pride and delight, as we collectively witness the future of education and unite in inaugurating a new era of learning.

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Photos:



Photo 1: Constructed Classroom Block at Oipya Primary School



Photo 2: Constructed Classroom at Oipya Primary School

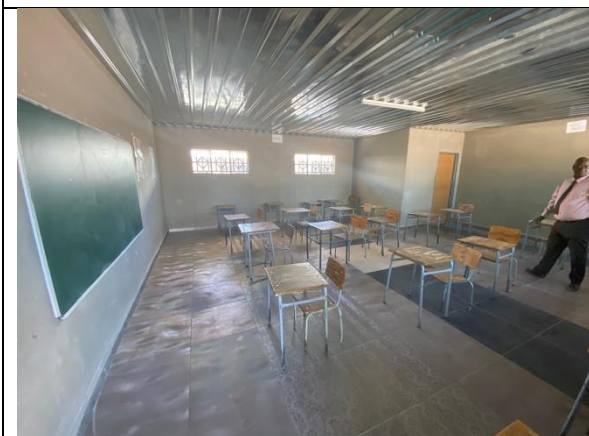


Photo 3: Constructed Classroom at Savo Nuts Private School



Photo 4: Japanese and Nambian Flag Painted on the Constructed Classroom Block at Savo Nuts Private School



Photo 5: Constructed toilet at Savo Nuts Private School

About the Assistance by the Government of Japan:

Funded by Japan's "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)," the new school blocks at two schools represent the program's commitment to providing crucial and non-refundable financial aid to educational institutions, hospitals, NGOs, local authorities, and non-profit organizations. Since its launch in 1997, Japan has actively funded GGP in Namibia, supporting 90 projects with a grant surpassing 70 million Namibian Dollars. Notably, 72 of these projects have focused on constructing school buildings and around 300 classrooms. Presently, ongoing projects in Kavango East, Ohangwena, Omaheke, Oshikoto, and Zambezi will collectively contribute 19 additional school classrooms to Namibia.

To discover further details regarding Japan's enduring collaboration with Namibia, we encourage you to explore our website:

https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/cooperation.html

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