

Ambassador Nishimaki's Attendance at the School Building handover Ceremonies (November 23 and 24, 2023)

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On November 23rd, Ambassador Nishimaki paid an official visit to Ohangwena Region to attend and deliver a speech at the handingover ceremony of the FY2021 Grassroots Human Security Grant Assistance Project "The Project for Construction of Classrooms in Oipya Primary School, Engela Constituency, Ohangwena Region" (Grant Amount of US\$49,773), and handed over the school building to HonEster Anna Nghipondoka, the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture. On the 24th, Ambassador Nishimaki also attended and delivered a speech at the handover ceremony for "The Project for Construction of Classrooms in Savo Nuts Private School Oshikango Constituency, Ohangwena Region" (Grant Amount of 61,308), and handed over the school building to Mr. Sebastian Ndeitunga Ohangwena Regional Governor.

At Oipya Primary School, the construction of one school building (consisting of 3 classrooms and 1 storage room) has enabled to accept a total of 108 students in grades 5 through 7 at the new building. Before this grant assistance, these students were forced to study in temporary classrooms of shacks. In addition, the construction of one school building (4 classrooms, 4 storage/teachers' offices, and men's and women's restrooms) at the Savo Nuts Private School has enabled a total of 168 students who previously attended classes outdoors to study in the newly constructed classrooms instead of in the harsh outdoor weather conditions. The construction of toilets for boys and girls is also a great improvement for approximately 200 students.

The ceremony at the Oipya Primary School was attended by the Minister Nghipondoka, Hon Ndeitunga governor of Ohangwena, Mr. Hamatwi, the Director of the Education, Arts, and Culture of Ohangwena Region, and other education and school officials, and was also graced with a traditional dance by the learners.

In his speech, Ambassador Nishimaki explained the purpose of the Japanese government's support to the education sector and saying "Education is the base for the Namibia's bright future." Minister Nghipondoka highlighted the problem of classrooms shortages in Namibia and thanked the Japanese government for its support to date in building new classrooms all over Namibia.



Ambassador Nishimaki' s speech at Oypia Primary School



Ambassador Nishimaki' s speech at Savo Nuts Private School



Dance Performance by learners at Oipya Primary School



Unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Oipya primary School

(Ambassador Nishimaki and Hon. Minister Nghipondoka at the plaque)



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly constructed school building at Savo Nuts Private School (with Governor of Ohangwena Hon. Ndeitunga)



The flags of Namibia and Japan are painted on the completed school building, with a note that the support came from Japan at Oipya Primary School



Namibian and Japanese flags painted on the completed school building at Savo Nuts Private School



Inspection of the completed school building at Oipya Primary School together with the Minister of Education, Ambassador Nishimaki, principal of the school and principals from surrounding schools



Inspection of the completed school building at Savo Nuts Private School



Newly constructed flush toilets at Savo Nuts Private School