

Certificate of Appreciation Ceremony for Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (08 February 2024)

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On 08 February 2024, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in Namibia, H.E. Mr. Nishimaki held a handover ceremony at the Education Ministry attended by Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts & Culture and Executive Director Ms. Sanet Steenkamp. The ceremony saw handing over of Certificates of Appreciation signed by H.E. Mr. Nishimaki, Ambassador of Japan and Hon. Anna Nghipondoka, Minister of Education, Arts & Culture to two Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) who will complete their assignments in Namibia in mid-February.

The Appreciation Ceremony was initiated by Ambassador Nishimaki to Hon. Faustina Caley, Deputy Minister of Education in 2023, in order to express gratitude for the activities of JOCVs in Namibia.

The recipients of the certificate of appreciation (for the period 25 February 2022 to 24 February 2024) are: Ms. Momoko Toyota (Ubasen Primary School, Omaruru, Erongo Region) and Ms. Yuka Mori, Ebenhaeser Primary School, Karibib, Erongo Region).



(from left) Mr. Susaki (JICA Representative), Ambassador Nishimaki, Ms. Toyota, Ms. Sanet Steenkamp, Ms. Mori and Hon. Faustina Caley.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Nishimaki stated that the Government of Japan believes that education is the base for the Namibia's development. And that the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) play an integral part of cooperation in the field of education between Japan and Namibia. To date 163 volunteers have been attached to primary schools, regional government offices and vocational training centers since 2006. He further stated the discipline, culture and peer-to-peer learning that the volunteer teachers leave at the school they are based.

Hon. Caley expressed her sincere appreciation for the contribution and the development of friendly relations between the two countries. She further stated that the volunteers made a lasting impression on the children of Namibia, and their contribution to Namibian education has been irreplaceable and has left lasting legacy. Furthermore she said continued efforts will be made to promote Japan-Namibia relations and wished the volunteers the best in their future endeavors.

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