

# Handover Ceremony of the Government of Japan's Economic and Social Development Programme : Provision of Vocational Training Equipment to Zambezi Vocational Training Center at Zambezi Region (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

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On March 1, 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki officiated the Inauguration of Workshops and the Handover of Training Equipment ceremony to Zambezi Vocational Training Centre in the Zambezi Region.

Ambassador Nishimaki handed over training equipment to the Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation Honourable Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi. This assistance was provided through the Government of Japan's Economic Development Programme to the tune of approximately 50 million Namibian Dollars for training equipment for the Automotive and Air-conditioning and Refrigeration occupations. The Automotive Engineering course will be opened in June this year.

"It is evident that the Government of Japan puts major emphasizes on local skills development and resourcing institutions of higher education with the right infrastructure and state of the art equipment will go a long way in ensuring sustainable production of quality graduates over time," said Ambassador Nishimaki during his speech.

During TICAD7 in 2019, the Japanese Government announced that they will tackle the nurturing of the people in this industry. This donation is the outcome of this announcement and we hope that through this cooperation, the mismatch in the labour market in Namibia will be solved.



Ambassador Nishimaki delivering his speech at the handover ceremony.



Honorable Lawrence Sampofu, Governor of Zambezi Region delivering his Welcoming remarks at the handover ceremony event.



Honorable Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation gave her keynote address.



The high table from left to right; Honorable Governor Lawrence Sampofu, H.E. Ambassador Hisao Nishimaki, Honorable Minister Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi, Ms. Virginia Kaimu, Namibia Training Authority Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Jerome Mutumba, Namibia Training Authority Board Chairperson.



The guests were treated to delightful entertainment by the Zambezi Vocational Training Centre trainees' choir and traditional dances performances.





Unveiling of the plaque by Ambassador Nishimaki (left of the plaque) and Honorable Minister Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi (right of the plaque).



Ambassador Nishimaki and Hon. Minister Dr. Itah Kandjii-Murangi and invited guests as well as the media were given a tour of the workshop fitted with the new donated state of the art equipment from Japan.



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