

Reception for Namibia Kendo Federation (10 August 2024)

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On 10 August 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki hosted a reception for members of the Namibia Kendo Federation and JICA representative and volunteers at his official residence. The reception aimed at celebrating the rich Japanese culture with relation to Kendo and the remarkable contributions of JICA in Namibia.

In his welcoming remarks, Ambassador Nishimaki underscored the importance of the reception, stating that it creates an opportunity to deepen collaborations and explore innovative ways to unite Japan and Namibia, as well as achieve shared goals.

Mr. Andre Pienaar, President of the Namibia Kendo Federation, used this opportunity to express his gratitude for the donation of 3 new sets and 17 used sets of kendo equipment, along with 48 shinai (bamboo swords) from All Japan Kendo Federation. This donation, he said, reflects Japan's dedication to promoting kendo globally and supporting international kendo federations.

Mr. Akihiko Hoshino, JICA resident Representative in Namibia, reaffirmed the agency's ongoing commitment to supporting Namibia's growth and development and Ambassador Sophia Nangombe, Former Ambassador of Namibia to Japan praised Japan's rich cultural heritage, noting the importance of bridging cultural gaps and enhancing mutual understanding.

The Namibia Kendo Federation members which consisted of children from the Hope Village, gave various Kendo performances.



(Ambassador Nishimaki with all officials, parents and children from Hope Village)

(Ambassador Nishimaki giving his welcoming remarks)



Ambassador Nishimaki giving his welcoming remarks



Mr. Akihiko Hoshino, JICA Representative in Namibia giving his remarks



Mr. Andre Pienaar, President of Namibia Kendo Federation giving his remarks



Ambassador Sophia Nangombe, former Ambassador of Namibia to Japan giving her remarks



(Children showcasing some of the donated items)



(Children from Hope Village performing Kendo)