

The Foreign Minister' s Commendation is given to President of Namibia Kendo Federation Andre Pienaar (28 August 2025)

On 28 August 2025, Mr. Andre Pienaar, president of Namibia Kendo Federation was awarded the foreign minister' s commendation. This commendation is presented to individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to promoting friendships and goodwill between Japan and other countries. It also aims to encourage public understanding and support for their activities. Sensei Mr. Andre Pienaar established a Kendo club in Namibia in 2016, and in the same year he founded the Namibia Kendo Federation. He was appointed as its president the following year. The federation was chosen as one of four countries in the world to receive amour and bamboo training sword by the All Japan Kendo Federation in 2023. Currently, two Dojos belonged to this federation. Some of them have attained dan ranks. Sensei Mr. Andre Pienaar has made remarkable contributions to the spread of Kendo in Namibia. The Embassy of Japan expresses its heartfelt appreciation for his efforts in promoting Kendo and wishes him continued success and further achievements in the future.



Sensei Mr. Andre Pienaar was awarded



Commemorative photo



Scene from Inside the Kendo Club



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