

## Ambassador Asazuma attended the Opening Ceremony of a Workshop on Inmate Rehabilitation through Virtual Reality (10 March 2026)

On 10 March 2026, Ambassador Asazuma, attended and delivered a keynote address at the Workshop on Inmate Rehabilitation through Virtual Reality hosted by the Namibian Correctional Service in collaboration with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) with the support of the Government of Japan.

During his welcoming remarks, Commissioner-General Raphael Tuhafeni Hamunyela, Commissioner-General of the Namibian Correctional Service, said that the workshop marks a significant milestone in the Digital Rehabilitation Project. It further builds on the strong foundation laid over the past three years through consultation, research and cooperation.

Ambassador Asazuma in his keynote address, reaffirmed that the Embassy of Japan in Namibia will continue to strongly support the promotion of this project while further cooperating with the Namibian Correctional Services.

The workshop takes place from 10–12 March 2026. Since April 2023, the Japanese Government has been working on a joint project with UNICRI, “Project on Research related to the potential introduction of AI and related technologies into rehabilitation programming activity in prison.” This year, with the cooperation of the Japanese company, one notable achievement has been the development of the Virtual Reality (VR) tool for use in rehabilitation programme in correctional facilities in Namibia.



Ambassador Asazuma delivering his remarks



Commissioner-General Raphael Tuhafeni Hamunyela, Commissioner-General of the Namibian Correctional Service, delivering welcoming remarks.



Demonstration of the equipment



Group picture with the participants of the workshop