

Ambassador Asazuma's visit to JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) at Namib Primary School (24 March 2026)

On 24 March 2026, Ambassador Asazuma visited Ms. Haruka Kurihara, a JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteer working as a teacher at Namib Primary School in Swakopmund, Erongo Region. Ms. Kurihara teaches mathematics as a teacher at the school, and during this visit, Ambassador Asazuma observed her fifth-grade math class. Drawing on her experience as a teacher in Japan, Ms. Kurihara contributes to improving the teaching skills of her colleagues by providing support through activities such as developing teaching materials and conducting lesson studies. Since 2006, a total of 177 JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, including Ms. Kurihara, have been dispatched to Namibia, and their activities form the foundation of the amicable bilateral relationship between Japan and Namibia. The activities of the JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers are highly regarded by the Namibian government.



Ms. Kurihara (center back) teaching a math class to fifth graders, and Ambassador Asazuma (left) observing the class



Commemorative photo



Ms. Kurihara