

Report on the FY2025 Press Tour for Local Media (26 March 2026)

From 18 to 20 February 2026, Press Tour for local media was conducted, with three journalists from newspapers and television stations participating. This press tour was organized to increase opportunities for Japanese development cooperation to be covered by local media, as well as to strengthen the dissemination of information to Namibian Government officials, the academic community, and the general public.

The press delegation visited Zambezi Region in Namibia and Kasane in Botswana, where they conducted site visits to the following five projects:

1. Construction of classrooms at Liswani III Primary School (GGP: Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects)
2. Kazungula Bridge (JICA Yen Loan Project)
3. Construction of classrooms at Impalila Combined School (GGP)
4. Zambezi Vocational Training Center (Grant Aid Project for Economic and Social Development)
5. Katima Mulilo District Hospital (Grant Aid Project for Economic and Social Development)

Day 1 (18 February)

On the first day, the team visited Liswain III Primary School and Kazungula Bridge.

At Liswani III Primary School, a new school building consisting of four classrooms and one storage room was constructed through GGP, enabling children who had previously been forced to study in mud-walled classrooms to learn in proper classrooms. At the handover ceremony held on the day of the inspection, the Governor of Zambezi Region was in attendance and expressed her gratitude to the Japanese Government and the Japanese people in her speech.

The Kazungula Bridge, which opened in May 2021, is a key logistics link in Southern Africa. In an interview, Ambassador Asazuma explained the multifaceted role Japan has played, including JICA's Yen Loans, the sharing of Japan's advanced construction expertise, and the introduction of simplified customs procedures.



Ribbon-Cutting at Liswani III PS (Ambassador Asazuma and Governor of Zambezi Region in the center of the photo)



Ambassador Asasuma being interviewed on the Kazungula Bridge

Day 2 (19 February)

On the second day, the team visited the Impalila Combined School, the GGP project site. A new school building consisting of four classrooms and one storage room was constructed at the school, resolving the overcrowding issue the school had been facing. The handover ceremony held on the day of the visit received extensive media coverage, with television and newspapers reporting that Japanese aid had reached even the remote Impalila Island, located at the northeastern most tip of Namibia.



Ambassador Asazuma's remarks at the ceremony for the Impalila Combined School



Commemorative Photo in front of the school building

Day 3 (20 February)

On the third day, the team visited the Zambezi Vocational Training Center and the Katima Mulilo District Hospital. At the Zambezi VTC, the team reviewed how the vocational training equipment Japanese Government donated in 2024 is being utilized, while the team reviewed how the ambulance donated last year is being used at the Katima Mulilo District Hospital.



Ambassador Asazuma inspecting the donated equipment at ZVTC while the media film the scene



Ambassador being interviewed by the media in front of the donated ambulance

Ambassador Asazuma appeared via telephone on the live broadcast of the NBC television program “Namibia Connects” on 20 February and summarized his recent trip to Zambezi Region during a roughly five-minute interview.



Even after the press tour, various newspapers and television stations continued to report on Japan’s development cooperation initiatives one after another, giving them extensive coverage. Embassy of Japan believes that by featuring these projects in newspapers and on television—media that reach a wide audience—the Namibian public’s understanding of Japan’s development cooperation efforts has deepened even further.

[Related Links (External Sites)] List of news articles published during and after the press tour

① NBC on 19 Feb

MEIYSAC inaugurates new classrooms at Liswani III Primary School

The article link : <https://nbcnews.na/node/115170>

② NBC on 23 Feb

New classroom block eases overcrowding at Implalila Combined School

The article link : <https://nbcnews.na/node/115244>

The video link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm3iqeeTjvw&t=9s>

③ Namibian Newspaper on 8 March

Primary education foundation of learning

The article link: <https://www.namibian.com.na/primary-education-foundation-of-learning-unam-vice-chancellor/>

④ Namibian Newspaper on 10 March

SADC bridge eases cargo movement

The article link: <https://www.namibian.com.na/sadc-bridge-eases-cargo-movement/>

⑤ Entrepreneur.com at page 4 of the March 24

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fMnWWEhXBLFDWcSXG2FsGQk8u61iBIg2/view>

⑥ Broadcast on the NBC television program “Eye on SADC” on March 26



An interview video filmed at the Kazungula Bridge on 18 February was broadcasted.

[Articles from the Website of the Embassy of Japan in Namibia]

① GGP School Building Handover Ceremony at Liswani III Primary School in Zambezi Region (18 February 2026)

<https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100982778.pdf>

② Inspection of the Kazungula Bridge (18 February 2026)

<https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100982371.pdf>

③ GGP School Building Handover Ceremony at Impalila Combined School in Zambezi Region (19 February 2026)

<https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100982783.pdf>

④ Ambassador Asazuma's visit to Zambezi Vocational Training Centre (20 February 2026)

<https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100982793.pdf>

⑤ Ambassador Asazuma's visit to Katima Mulilo District Hospital (20 February 2026)

<https://www.na.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100982788.pdf>

[Video posted on the Facebook page of the Embassy of Japan in Namibia]

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1186706736871285> (Liswain III PS)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1055421777647349> (Kazungula Bridge)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1454350642877593> (Impalila CS)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/857710950632786> (Zambezi VTC)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1403641448475762> (Katima Mulilo DH)

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1847613245899972> (Summary of the Zambezi Visit)

<Note: The five videos above were produced by NBC>