

MEXT Scholars and JICA long-term Trainees Alumni Reception (17 September 2026)

On September 17, 2026, Ambassador Shinichi Asazuma hosted the “MEXT and JICA Alumni Dinner” at the Ambassador’s Official Residence to celebrate alumni who have returned after completing their studies and training in Japan through the MEXT Scholarship and JICA long-term training programs, as well as students and trainees who will soon depart for Japan.

The reception was honored by the presence of the following guests: Hon. Dino Balloti, Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture; Ms. Audrey Gantana, Deputy Director, Asia Division, Ministry of International Relations and Trade (MIRT); Prof. Frednard Gideon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST); and Prof. Alfons Mosiman, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Namibia (UNAM).

Ambassador Asazuma and Mr. Akihiko Hoshino, JICA Resident Representative, delivered congratulatory remarks to the scholars and expressed their expectations for the participants’ future endeavors. Participants in the MEXT Research Student and Teachers’ Training programs, as well as JICA long-term training programs (ABE Initiative, SDGs Global Leader, KIZUNA and Agri-Net), shared the knowledge, skills, and networks they gained in Japan and spoke of their aspirations to contribute across various fields.

A Japanese buffet prepared by Official Residence Chef Kariya was also served, creating a warm atmosphere for networking. We extend our sincere appreciation to all partners and participants for their support and attendance.



Group photo



Remarks by Ambassador Asazuma



Remarks by Mr. Hoshino,
JICA Resident Representative



Remarks by Deputy Minister Balloti



Experience sharing by MEXT
returnee research scholar Johannes



Experience sharing by MEXT returnee Teacher
Training scholar Hamukwaya



Aspirational remarks by MEXT Teacher
Training scholar Asheela
(scheduled to depart for Japan)



Experience sharing by JICA
returnee trainee Iiyambo (KIZUNA)



Aspirational remarks by JICA trainee Kavari
(Agri-Net; scheduled to depart for Japan)