

JICA Namibia Newsletter

Address from Mr. Takehiro SUSAKI, the new Resident Representative of JICA Namibia Office

The smiles of African people have made me happy. My task as the head of JICA Namibia Office is to contribute to development of Namibia, but speaking honestly, I have arrived here with strong expectation to be encouraged by the Namibian people which would be the source of my energy for my duties.

I am not a specialist for international cooperation planning but forged person through various field activities. I studied German history on Second World War in university, then joined to JOCV program in 1987, dispatched to Zambia as health educator. After serving as JICA volunteer, I became official staff of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). I was in charge of Health and Higher Education sector development in Tanzania, expanded Japan's official development assistance in the field of agriculture and vocational training, as the first resident representative of JICA Uganda Office since 2005.

I served as security control officer (senior deputy resident representative) in JICA Afghanistan Office, and worked as the Director General of JOCV Training Centre in Japan by 2019. I am proud of my career in development assistance. I look forward to becoming well acquainted with Namibian people in the future.

JICA is an implementation organization under Japanese government. I always pay my attention to the TACTICS rather than the STRATEGY. I know the importance of development strategies, but now the issue JICA Namibia Office facing is "HOW" to achieve growth in Namibian.

Yours in development,
T. Susaki



Incoming Resident Representative of JICA Namibia, Mr. Takehiro Susaki

Farewell, Mr. Nabeya.

A good bye note from our former Resident Representative



Former Resident Representative,
Mr. Shiro Nabeya

The President Pohamba, who visited Japan to attend TICAD-IV in 2008, had a meeting with JICA President Dr Ogata and requested to cooperate in the development of Namibia. JICA had begun a series of discussion on cooperation toward the development of agriculture and rural areas in the Northern regions as well as the realization of becoming an international logistic nation.

In 2021 two technical cooperation projects of Northern Namibia Small-Scale Farmers Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SHEP) and Implementation of International Logistics Hub Master Plan for SADC countries (Phase-II) just started.



My four years assignment as Resident Representative of JICA Namibia office is over. I am looking forward to the success of the projects with Namibian initiative. I appreciate the kindness and cooperation rendered by my colleagues and counterparts.

Shiro Nabeya

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Official Launch of N-SHEP Project

JICA has officially launched a technical cooperation project in Namibia named the Project for Northern Namibia Small-scale Farmers' Livelihood Enhancement Project (N-SHEP Project) in March, working hand in hand with Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform. The project aims at increasing the small-scale farmers' income in Oshikoto, Oshana, Omusati and Oshana regions in North.

The unique point of this project is to adopt the "SHEP Approach" to livestock farming. The SHEP Approach was developed originally in the horticulture field in Kenya by the JICA project and spread over 30 countries worldwide. The key goal of SHEP is "Grow to Sell" not "Grow and Sell" as farmers do not have their target market and intentions before starting their farming.

The key component of this approach is to provide farmers several occasions for thinking and finding their own business through conducting market survey by themselves and other activities. Then, the farmers will be motivated and become self-reliant for selling their products meeting the market needs of their target markets.



The 1st Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting was held at the boardroom connecting with MAWLR staff in North.

On 26 May, the project held the 1st Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting in Windhoek and the participants agreed on the plan and the activities of the project.

Dedicated JOCV Returns to Resume Duties

My Name is Mr. Kensuke Yoshitani, a Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) with JICA. On 4 March 2021, I finally landed in Namibia, again. The JOCVs were evacuated due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 after just a few weeks in Namibia. The time away was quite long.

Upon my arrival, I experienced an array of emotions. It was a feeling that was completely different from the first time I arrived in Namibia.

The moment I touched down, the thoughts of various people came to my mind, including the many who supported my trip to Africa, the JICA staff who have made an effort to ensure my return, colleagues of my previous workplace in Ruacana, and my fellow JOCVs who returned to Japan in the middle of their tenure.



JOCV Mr. Yoshitani (centre) surrounded by his esteemed colleagues at the Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture

I am now based at the Otjozondjupa Regional Council, Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture as a Senior Education Officer for the purpose of promotion of primary school mathematics, to give guidance and hold workshops. I will strive do my best to improve the quality of math education in Namibia.

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JICA provides training on Solid Waste Management



Many African cities face the problem of limited collection service of solid waste and inappropriate disposal, due to rapid urbanization and increase of its population.

For African countries to sustain appropriate waste management on their own, proper policymaking and planning, as well as the improvement of financial sustainability, is key.

This course is conducted as a part of “African Clean Cities Platform” which promotes appropriate waste management in the region. Data collection, the dissemination of information and other efforts.

From January 14, 2021 to January 28, 2021, JICA conducted an online training course on “Solid Waste Management for African Countries”. As the Foreman of Community service for “Rundu Town Council” I was selected to participate alongside five other participants from SADC.

Content of topics of the training: African clean Cities Platform towards a Clean and Healthy Cities in Africa, Basics of municipality Solid waste management, Measures for Sorting at source and Recycling by the City of Yokohama (Intermediate Treatment / Recycling) Industrial Waste (Guidance to Discharging Business Operators)

With the knowledge gained from this training, I hope to work closely with Rundu town council and the community.

With the interventions of JICA, the Rundu Town solid waste management team is more knowledgeable and can now confidently implement all tested theories JICA has exposed to us.

By Ladislaus Shikerete (Rundu Town Council)



Rundu town Council team from left to right. A driver and team members stand by a truck that picks solid waste.

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JICA Namibia