



STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR SAM
SHAFIISHUNA NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND
FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE
OCCASION AT THE DONATIONS OF SCHOOL DESKS
AND CHAIRS FOR ETUNDA FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND TOURING OF THE NEW MARIGOLD HOTEL

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Your Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia;
Your Excellency Yiming Zhang, Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China;
Distinguished Mrs. Stina Wu, Executive Chairperson of the Marigold Hotel;
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Distinguished Management and Staff of Marigold Hotel;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Allow me to express my profound appreciation for having been invited here today to receive the humble donation on behalf of Etunda Farm Primary School. I am delighted to mention that this donation is the second one from your company that I am receiving today. I recall that the first donation in the form of corrugated iron sheets for the roofing of the classrooms and school hostels during the construction period of the centre which was valued at N\$120,000-00.

Directors of Ceremonies;

I am also informed that your company is expanding its investment portfolio in order to contribute meaningfully to the economy of the country as well as to improve the livelihood of Namibians and its workers in particular.

Furthermore, I am reliably informed that you are also building quality affordable houses in Karibib, Rundu and Oshakati, which is highly commendable.

It is equally important to note that this Marigold Hotel where we are, is a 5-Star Hotel developed by the same Group of Companies, AT HELMSMAN GROUP, which just donated the chairs and desks for the Etunda Farm Primary School which is expected to start next year.

An investments of such magnitudes like this one are vital to strengthen and grow our local economy in terms of employment creation, local economic empowerment as well as community upliftment. Your gesture of empowering fellow Namibian business men and women through making them part of your Group, is a testimony of your commitment to change and shape the lives of ordinary citizens in the true sense of empowering the previous disadvantaged Namibians.

Directors of Ceremonies;

Our government places great value in education, especially the marginalised and children of farm workers with the aim of bringing them on par with the rest of the other children who have access to learning facilities to enable us to educate all Namibian children from all walks of life. Namibia is striving towards an inclusive Education to accord all children the right to quality education, despite their circumstances.

By building Etunda Farm Primary School we wish to complement our government efforts in educating our people, especially the children of marginalized communities and farm workers, in order for them to be able to contribute to our country long-term Vision 2030.

On behalf of Etunda Farm Primary School, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Executive Chairperson of AT HELMSMAN GROUP, Mrs Stina Wu and your team for this donation. These chairs and desks will definitely make all the education activities at our farm school more conducive. Your selfless and generous contribution will go a long way in shaping the lives of the learners who will attend the school, as well as contributing to strengthening the socio-economic fabric of our country.

As you are aware, education is the key to knowledge and to productive life. The majority of the children of farm labourers do not attend school and thus unable to realize their full potential. As a result, these children end up in the cycle of poverty and marginalization.

With these few words, I once again thank you most profoundly for your valuable donations. As I always say “*A people united, striving to achieve common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious*”.

I thank you!