

# **Congratulatory Message of Ambassador Zhao at the Official Handover Ceremony of Etunda Farm Primary School and Clinic**

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Good morning.

My name is Shen Jian. I'm the Deputy Chief of the Chinese Embassy. It is my great honor to be here for the Official Handover Ceremony of Etunda Farm Primary School and Clinic. Due to an urgent arrangement, H.E. Ambassador Zhao Weiping cannot be here today, so he entrusts me to attend this event on his behalf. I will read Ambassador Zhao's congratulatory message as follows:

Congratulations on the handover of the Etunda Farm Primary School and Clinic. We are very delighted that this important project has completed and is now ready to benefit the local community. The Chinese Embassy is proud to have made some contribution to the construction of this project with a small donation, and we are honored to be part of this memorable occasion.

At this moment, like all of you, I wish to pay high tribute again to the Founding Father H.E. Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma. This school project was his baby which has enjoyed so much of his love and care. I remember vividly his passion and enthusiasm when His Excellency kindly introduced this project to me during my first courtesy call. And I will never forget the honor His Excellency accorded me by personally leading me to have a tour of the project site. I clearly felt with my personal experience that day that the Founding Father had people in his heart. He always cared about the welfare of the people, and he was most concerned of the education of the children, by which I was indeed deeply touched.

I hope and believe all the children who are going to study in this school will always remember your dearest Founding Father. This school is a most precious gift he gave you, and also a great legacy he left. I hope this will encourage all the learners to study hard and, when they grow up, will contribute to the development of Namibia which the Founding Father and his comrades have created and dedicated their whole lives to build.

For my colleagues and myself, we will continue to work hard on further promoting China-Namibia traditional friendship, which is also an important legacy of the Founding Father. And education will continue to be one of the key areas of our bilateral cooperation. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, China has donated 9 schools to Namibia and provided more than 600 scholarships for Namibian students to study in China. We are ready to do more in future.

In conclusion, I wish H.E. Vice President Witbooi, H.E Former President Mbumba, H.E. Former First Lady Madam Nujoma, and all the distinguished guests good health and our Etunda Farm Primary School and Clinic great development in the many years to come.

Thank you.