

Visit to Okashandja Combined School in Oshana Region



Pupils at Okashandja Combined School receiving a computer from Dr Andrew Niikondo and Zaimul Idris Yunus from the Embassy of Indonesia. One of the blocks at the school is named after Dr Niikondo.

Last week Friday 5 November 2010, Dr Andrew Niikondo, Head of Department Public Management at the Polytechnic of Namibia and Zaimul Idris Yunus, the Counsellor of the Indonesian Embassy in Namibia travelled to Okashandja Combined School in the Oshana region to donate a computer.

Okashandja Combined School was established by Finnish Missionaries in 1937.

The school is situated approximately 8km south of Ondangwa. This school has

played an important role in the history of Namibia's education and liberation struggle. Among its icons, the school produced one of the Namibian heroes Peter Enias Nanyemba the late Defence Secretary of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia Plan. In 2008 the school management decided to name its Laboratory to another former PLAN Combatant Dr. Andrew Niikondo who studied up to a doctoral level. On his part Dr. Niikondo solicited support to assist teaching and learning at this school. He ap-

proached several embassies and other organisations in Namibia for some assistance. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia accepted his request and it generously bought a computer, a printer (photocopier) and miscellaneous items for the school. Mr Yunus



Two of the learners were identified as gifted and Dr Niikondo had offered to pay their school fees until they finish. They are Ruben Shilemba, Grade 6, and Amukoto Savelia, Grade 5.

and Dr. Andrew Niikondo donated these items to the school on 5 November 2010.

With a staff complement of 16 teachers, the learner's population of Okashandja Combined School is 460 children and half of them are characterized as orphan and vulnerable children

(OVC). Two of these learners: Ruben Shilemba Grade 6 and Amukoto Savelia Grade 5 were identified as gifted children but there was no one to support them. Dr. Niikondo took the responsibility to pay for their school fees and buy them school uniforms and books till

they finish with their Grade 10 at that school.

In his motivational speech Dr Niikondo encouraged the learners to study hard in order to become responsible citizens in the future. The donation was received by the School Principal Mr. Festus Mvula.

Chinese vice president to visit Singapore, South Africa, Angola, Botswana



Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping

BEIJING, — Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping will pay official visits to Singapore, South Africa, Angola and Botswana from Nov. 14 to 24, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said Thursday.

Xi will pay the visits at the invitations of Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, South African Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe, Angolan Vice President Fernando da Piedade Dias dos Santos and Botswanan Vice President Mompoti Merafhe.

During the visits, Xi will meet the leaders of the four nations and exchange views on bilateral ties and regional and international issues.

According to Hong, during his stay in Singapore, Xi will address a reception marking the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties be-

tween China and Singapore.

He will also attend a ceremony where a monument for late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping will be unveiled and a foundation-laying ceremony for a Chinese culture center.

In South Africa, Xi and Motlanthe will co-chair the fourth meeting of the China-South Africa Bi-National Commission.

Xi will also deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of a seminar on the 10th anniversary of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum.

"We believe the visits will push forward the friendly and cooperative relationships between China and the four countries while advancing China-ASEAN ties and China-Africa relations," Hong said.

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Message of Condolence



The Board, Management and the entire staff of the Agricultural Bank of Namibia wish to express their deepest condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of

Phil-Bennett Williams

who passed away in a tragic car accident on 4 November 2010.

Phil-Bennett was working at Agribank Otjiwarongo branch as a Valuation Officer.

As colleagues, we will deeply miss him.

May the Almighty God give his bereaved family the strength and comfort during this difficult time.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.