Sparkling Gem of Southern Africa

Reinforced ties with Japan will go a long way to help Namibia realize its goal of becoming a modern, industrialized country and a logistical hub serving global markets by 2030. By Tuesday, February 11, 2014

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Moving up to become a key international player

Beautiful, peaceful and politi-
cally stable, with a wealth of natural resources and an educated population, Namibia is eagerly one of the most invit-
ing African countries. Its landscape is home to a diverse range of wildlife and is a popular destination for nature and adventure tourism. A prominent economy within the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) that shares borders with Angola, Botswana, Zambia and South Africa is growing exponentially on the back of a relatively sophisticated infra-
structure and an abundance of world-class mineral and gem resources such as diamonds, uranium, copper, as well as fish, tourist attractions and agricultural opportunities.

Its open and business-friendly government is receiving increased interest from Japanese companies to explore the wealth of investment opportunities in Namibia, adding Japanese support for Namibia’s companies to explore the wealth of investment opportunities in Namibia. Acting CEO, Namibia Airports Co. (NAC) Tamer El-Kallawi, recently visited Japan to discuss further bilateral opportunities for the two countries.

Japan’s support in Namibia’s development is undeniably and has contributed to economic growth in jobs opportunities and growth in overall development, the Prime Minister Shinzo Abe put it to us as well. Japan wants to move away from the traditional agricultural economy by building business in Japan and then selling the finished goods to create wealth for the business in our economy and generate high value-added products.

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The Namibian Contractor of Choice

Since 2000, Roads Contractor Company has distinguished itself as one of the premier civil engineering contractors of the entire SADC region north of South Africa, its say.

ROADS AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA

As a vital component in Namibia’s journey to sustainable development, the Roads Authority is seeking investment to build a network of modern and accessible highways connecting cities, towns and rural areas.

The Long road to greatness

Works and Transport Minister outlines the steps being taken, and the challenges ahead, in Namibia’s national development plan.

“Namibia’s network of the national physical infrastructure mainly road, railway, coastline and aviation is relatively good,” he says. “Namibia, however, has its share of poverty and inequality, below the poverty line, although the literacy rate at around 60%.

Namibia’s Minister of Works and Transport, who among other things, is in charge of the Economic Development and Planning, recently played host to the Adventure Travel World Congress that was held in Africa for the first time. It is the first time that such an international conference was held in Africa.

“Namibia has already had the advantage of being a country on the government of Japan on three projects which are the construction of the logistics master plan, the Master Plan for the Northern Orange and Lovemore Development Project and the Matlosane Logistics Hub Project. All three projects were approved at the TICAD summit held in Japan to provide support to Namibia as requested.

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