

MESSAGE BY

**HONOURABLE MAUREEN MAGRETH HINDA DEPUTY MINISTER OF
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE
COMPLETION OF THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

10 March 2016

Your Excellency, Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia, and Madam Penehupifo Pohamba

Your Excellency, Mr. Xin Shunkang & Mme. Luo Xiaomin, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China,

Hon. Nangolo Mumba, Secretary General of the Swapo Party

Hon. Laura McCloed-Tjatjirua, Governor of Khomas Region

Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Former Prime Minister/Speaker and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hon. Dr. Peter Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly,

Honourable Senior Ministers & Deputy Minister,

Honourable Members of Parliament,

Your Excellency's, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Business Fraternity

Distinguished Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, we gathered here to bid farewell to you, Your Excellency Mr. Xin Shungkang Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Namibia and Madam, Luo Xiaomin.

His Excellency Shungkang, I can attest, is an outstanding diplomat with charisma, with a presence that can never go unnoticed anywhere. There is a saying: "Actions speaks louder than words".

His fellow countrymen and women, mainly from the Chinese Business Fraternity will agree with me, that he has indeed done a formidable job at various levels and/or fronts in bringing our two Nations closer. Through his work, we have recently witness, a very successful visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Peoples Republic of China, and high level visits of business and other distinguish personalities between our two countries. These visits have strengthened further, the already excellent relations existing between our two countries.

Among the so many successful activities that His Excellency Shungkang spearheaded are just to mention a few in addition to what you YE referred too, the signing of the agreement between Namibia and China on export of Namibian Beef to China, training for Namibians in various fields and investment promotions, numerous investments be it social or pure business which has contributed to assist Namibia in attaining its development goals.

It is common cause that smaller economies built formidable meaning relationships of mutual benefits and respect for cultures with "Economic Giants", with great potential to make "Smaller Economies/Countries" more visible to the world. They have **mostly** positive spin offs but it is also true, that may have negative spin offs as well. Thus need to be managed carefully and meticulously to ensure sustainability.

Your Excellency, the fruits of your excellent work will be remembered for many years to come. The children that will be attending the Mao Zedong School in Otjomuise will always remember your name and dedication with which you served your Country in Namibia. Once again thank you Your Excellency and your team.

With these few words Your Excellency's, Ladies and Gentlemen, we salute Your Excellency and wish to the prosperity and continued good health. The Minister will return the courtesy and host a farewell dinner to bid you farewell as per our Namibian culture and hospitality.

I thank you.