



**SAPESI Mobile Library Project News: July - December 2013**

**Hand-over ceremony of 4 Mobile Library and 34,000 books to Free State.**

As shown in the photos of page 3 of the newsletter, Sapesi and Free State Department of Education organized the hand-over ceremony in Bloemfontein.

In 2014, utilizing 10 buses, Free State will offer library services to their 400 schools, which is over 1/3 of their non-library schools.

Considering the reality that only 8% of South African public schools have functional libraries, this Free State challenge is remarkable.

We thank you, our supporters, especially the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and MOL shipping company for the buses' donation. Also Sony companies in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, USA, Canada, UK, Hong Kong, and Japan, together with K-line shipping company for the global children's book donation.



*Bloemfontein - 31 October 2013*

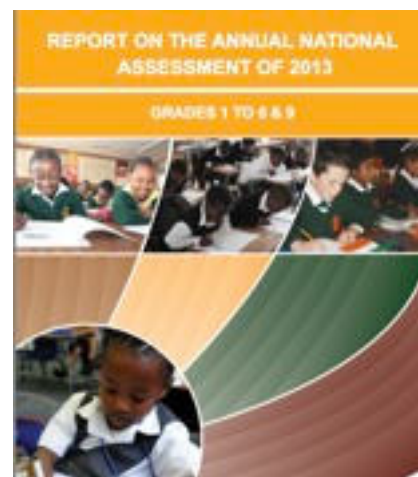
Also, **in 2014**, we are expecting the “new five provinces” (Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West, Northern Cape, and Eastern Cape) to commence their Mobile Library operation. All nine provinces will then offer Mobile Library services to their schools.

**2013 ANA (Annual National Assessment) test result**

The nation-wide test for “read and write” in mother languages, and non-mother language, normally English, as well as mathematic was conducted in September for all 24,000 public schools. 7 million learners of grade 1~6, and 9 were tested and the results have been released.

The percentage of the learners who scored 50% or above:

Mother tongue languages	English		Mathematics			
	2012	2013	2012	2013		
G3	56%	57%	—	—	36%	59%
G6	39	68	24	41	11	27
G9	39	37	21	17	2	2



*ANA Report 2013*

These figures of G-9, the last year of compulsory education leading the learners to a working society or higher education, show that South African education is not yet producing a capable future generation of South Africans, but is rather sowing the seeds of future social instability as most of them would not get jobs with these low basic capabilities when they reach the core age of the society.

### **Japanese Mathematic kits**

In the old days, Japanese children learnt numbers with an abacus, moving the beads on the abacus with their fingers. This makes a lot of sense since the finger movements stimulate children's brain development including numbers, before they start to understand numbers abstractly.

Currently, in the time of calculators and computers, Japanese learners of grade 1~2, use a "mathematic toys kit" instead of abacus.

In South Africa, we observe proactive teachers use the bottle tops and ice-candy sticks to let children count, meanwhile some teachers in the Foundation Phase who did not receive the the right mathematics teaching training, specially during Homeland education, are battling.

With the idea that Japanese mathematic toys kit might be able to contribute to the solving of the problem, Sapesi-Japan recently sent us approximately 100 sets of Japanese mathematic toy kits. We would like to pursue the possibility to develop its South African version with the people who are interested in the project.



***Coke bottle tops - math toys***



***Mathematics toy kit***

### **Mr. Nelson Mandela**

In May and July 2000, I had the honour to visit Mr. Mandela in his Houghton home and had interesting one-on-one conversations which ranged from his trip to Japan, the value and importance of education, and his thoughts on children and their education.

I am sure that the conversations with him could be one of the reasons why I started the Mobile Library Project for South African children after my retirement from Sony in 2004.

May his soul rest in peace.

We wish you blessed festive season, and a happy new year.

**Tad, Tadashi Hasunuma**  
**DIRECTOR: SAPESI**

## Readers to Leaders Luncheon: Bloemfontein 31 October 2013

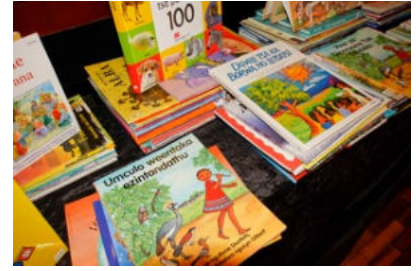
Donation of 4 Mobile Library buses from Japan and 34,000 books from Sony in New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, UK, Canada, USA.



**MC Ms. Zonia Alexander,**



**Mobile Library**



**Donated books**



**Project background  
Mr. T. Hasunuma: SAPESI**



**Learners from Motheo District  
reading from books**



**Mrs E Sisulu: Chair Book  
Development Foundation; PUKU**



**Global Sony Companies Book Collection Mr.  
N. Kinoshita MD Sony South Africa**



**Japanese Ambassador  
Mr. Y. Yoshizawa**



**Free State MEC: Education,  
Mr. P.H.I. Makgoe**



**Hand-over of Bus Key - Mr. Hasunuma, Books - Mr. Kinoshita,  
Generators - Mr. Clinton Lambert, Honda Southern Africa**

# Geen krisis met boeke, sê LUR

Christal-Lize Muller

GEEN handboekkrisis bestaan in die Vrystaat nie.

Die Vrystaatse onderwysdepartement sal nodige skoolhandboeke en bykomende studiemateriaal vir 2014 betyds aan skole beskikbaar stel.

Dit is die gerusstellende boodskap van Tate Makgoe, LUR vir onderwys, nadat dit vandeeweek in die parlement aan die lig gekom het dat die Vrystaat die swakste in die land vaar met die verskaffing van handboeke.

Vrystaatse skole het nog net 38% van hul handboeke vir volgende jaar ontvang.

Makgoe het gister in Bloemfontein op die oorhandiging van vier mobiele biblioteke en derduisende leesboeke deur die Primary Education Support Initiative (Sapesi) gesê dat geen rede tot kommer bestaan nie.

Die departement het sy strategie rondom die verspreiding van boeke verander om koste en hulpbronne te bespaar.

Volgens Makgoe is daar nog genoeg tyd om die proses af te handel.

Die nasionale sperdatum is eers aan die einde van vandeemaand.

Die departement het besluit om eers 90% van dié materiaal van die verskaffer af in sy 12 pakhuis te berg voordat die boeke na skole versprei word.

Makgoe meen in die departementele pakhuis kan beheer uitgeoef word oor die voorraad, waarna dit op een slag versprei word.

In ander provinsies word boeke van die verskaffers af in klei-



Die South Africa Primary Education Support Initiative (Sapesi) se mobiele biblioteek en boekprojek werp vrugte in die Vrystaat af. Van links is Karabelo Khoeli (10, van die Laerskool Reentsena by Botshabelo), Tadashi Hasunuma (direkteur van Sapesi), Tate Makgoe (Vrystaatse LUR vir onderwys), Yutaka Yoshizawa (Japanse ambassadeur in Suid-Afrika) en Nobuo Kinoshita (besturende direkteur van Sony Suid-Afrika). Foto: CHRISTAL-LIZE MULLER

ner hoeveelhede versprei.

Dit is 'n vermorsing van geld, sê Makgoe. Hy het ook gister die mobiele biblioteek en leesboekprojek geloof.

“Dit beteken die wêreld vir veral skole in verafgeleë plattelandse gebiede waar kinders geen toegang tot skoolbiblioteke het nie.”

Sapesi, 'n nie-winsgewende organisasie, het in 2005 in samewerking met die departement in die Vrystaat die projek begin en na ander provinsies uitgebrei om leerlinge se leesvaardigheid en geletterdheid te verhoog.

Sony ondersteun die projek en het al derduisende leesboeke geskenk.

Die boeke word in tien lande oor die wêreld heen, wat Australië, Japan, Kanada en Amerika insluit, deur Sony ingesamel.

Daar is ook ander skenkers wat die projek moontlik maak.

In die Vrystaat is reeds tien mobiele biblioteke deur die Japanse regering aan dié projek geskenk.

Verlede jaar het drie van die vyf onderwysgebiede in die Vrystaat toegang tot ses mobiele bi-

blioteke en 125 000 boeke gehad.

Gister is nog vier biblioteke en 34 000 boeke geskenk.

Tadashi Hasunuma, direkteur van Sapesi, is trots op sy organisasie se vordering.

Volgens dié passievolle voormalige besturende direkteur van Sony in Suid-Afrika, is daar sowat 1 300 openbare skole in die Vrystaat, waarvan slegs 150 biblioteke het.

Sapesi glo sy mobiele biblioteke kan teen volgende jaar 'n diens aan sowat 400 skole in die Vrystaat lewer.

