Moving up to become a key international player

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Its open and business-friendly government, rich natural resources and an educated population, Namibia is easily one of the most inviting of Africa’s investment destinations.

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.

The challenge, the Minister says, is that the Namibian economy is underdeveloped and has not translated economic growth into job opportunities or growth at home. Thus, “Namibia’s Vision 2030 manifesto, a national development plan, and Japan’s support in Namibia’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for the challenges ahead, in Namibia’s national development plan. A prominent economy within the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) country that shares borders with Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa, Namibia is growing exponentially on the back of a relatively sophisticated infrastructure and an assortment of world-class minerals and gems such as diamonds, uranium, copper, as well as rich tourism attractions and agricultural products.

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A strategic point for the SADC region

Roads, railways, airports and ports are all being given an overhaul as Namibia strives out to become the investment place of choice.

With a well-connected, modern country as the dream, Namibia’s logistics infrastructure companies are lining up to fulfill the mandate of the South African development plan (SNPD), which states that “by 2020, Namibia will have its roads, railways and ships in good working order and repair.”

“The current port infrastructure was built to cater for the needs of the Namibian economy. However, due to the expansion of the south African economy, the port needs to be expanded to meet the demand of the region in that area,” Namibia’s Namport CEO, Conrad Lutombi, told Africa PORTS & SHIPS.

“Namibia’s created a small port to handle fish or small volume goods, but with the expansion of the South African economy, the port needs to be expanded. We need to make sure that we will provide the best services and turn around in the shortest time.”

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