

HISTORY OF THE PROJECT LILY

The *Privatschule Karibib* was closed in 1986. All the properties of the *Privatschule Karibib*, (a non-profit organisation), such as the school and hostel buildings, as well as a number of residential houses in Karibib, were sold to the Karibib Parents Association in 2008. The trustees, consisting of former students of the *Privatschule Karibib*, continued to operate the organisation in the interest of education in general and German-language education in Namibia in particular, for many years, until the decision was made in 2008 to dissolve the association and transfer all assets to the AGDS.

In the donation agreement between the AGDS and the PSK, it was agreed that a special fund called the PSK Fund would be established with the following mission:

- Maintenance of the **Project Lily** until at least 2012.
- Funding of 2 bursaries for individuals wishing to pursue a teaching degree.
- Funding of a planned alumni meeting.
- Support for the *Hörerinitiative*, which is a supporting association to the NBC radio German Service.
- Preservation and promotion of the German language and culture in general.

Project Lily is an initiative aimed at supporting and promoting the educational system in Namibia, especially with regard to the

preservation and promotion of the German language and culture. This project aims to recognise and appreciate exceptional achievements of teachers at AGDS member schools, as well as at other educational institutions such as UNAM.

It also aims to promote the reputation of teachers in the community in order to generate renewed interest in this profession among school leavers and to retain experienced and trained teachers in this field. Project Lily culminated in an annual gala evening where significant cash prizes from the PSK Fund, as well as valuable plaques and a certificate, were awarded to the winners in recognition of their achievements.

