

28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**ONE provides free transportation of educational materials for South African children**

<28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Singapore> In June 2021, Ocean Network Express (ONE) transported educational materials for children free of charge to support the non-profit organization "Together with Africa and Asia Association" (TAAA<sup>1</sup>).

ONE Japan loaded educational materials including donated English books, math sets and soccer balls for children in a 20FT dry container, shipping them on April 25<sup>th</sup> from Yokohama to Durban in South Africa on the M/V Allegoria. The container arrived at the local TAAA South Africa office on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and the educational materials were delivered to schools in remote areas of South Africa by TAAA staff.

According to TAAA, rural schools in South Africa are constantly in short supply of educational materials and they have been severally affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many children are missing school due to school closures and attendance levels are low with many students not returning. Moreover, even if the students do turn up to school, the teachers are sometimes absent, so classes cannot be held.

The cooperation between the TAAA and ONE has provided emergency education support through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under such circumstances, ONE has been able to provide an environment where South African children can study and read books at home during school closure through the free transportation of educational materials. It is hoped that the arrival of these educational materials will drive engagement with the children and further support their studies. ONE will continue to engage in social contribution activities, utilizing its global network to support worthy causes.

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<sup>1</sup> Specified non-profit organization "Together with Africa and Asia Association (TAAA)"

The organization that provides comprehensive school education support in poor areas of Africa and Asia. More information can be found on their website <http://www.taaa.jp/english.html>

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Students are happy to receive the books



Children taking time to choose their favorites



Children learning with the math sets