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Formalization of Japan's Grant Aid for Tropical Cyclone Winston Assistance to Fiji

The Government of Japan will provide funding for the project titled "The Economic and Social Development Programme" worth 300 million Japanese Yen (approximately US\$2.8m or FJ\$5.8m) under Japan's Grant Aid Programme.

The Honourable Rear Admiral (Retired) Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji and H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan will formalize Japan's assistance to Fiji at an Exchange of Notes signing ceremony hosted by the Government of the Republic of Fiji, at the Office of Prime Minister, Conference Room, Level 4, New Wing, Government Buildings, Suva, at 10:30am, on Thursday, 5 May 2016.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Outline on the Series for Tropical Cyclone Winston Assistance by Japan (as of 5 May 2016)

Tropical Cyclone Winston (TC Winston) was categorized as the strongest tropical cyclone ever recorded to make landfall in the Southern hemisphere has affected 350,000 people. The Signing Ceremony on 5 May 2016 will formalize Japan's second assistance in response to TC Winston;

1. Emergency Relief Items

Emergency relief items (440 tents, 420 sleeping pads, 120 plastic sheets, 25 generators and 25 connecting codes) worth 19 million Yen (170,000 USD) were provided to the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). On behalf of the Government of Japan, Chargé d' affaires of the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Kinzo Nakagun, handed over these items to Commissioner Western Mr. Manasa Tagicakibau, in Nadi on Saturday, 27 February 2016.

2. Economic and Social Development Programme

The Grant Aid of 300 million Japanese Yen will be made available to the Government of the Republic of Fiji for restoration and rehabilitation works. This grant aid will allow the Government of Fiji to identify items that are critical to restoration and rehabilitation needs such as machinery, construction materials or consumables essential for restoring normalcy into the lives of affected Fijians.

The Japan International Cooperation Systems (JICS – Japan Procurement Agency) will be contracted under this Grant Aid as Fiji's procurement consultant. The items that will be procured under this Grant Aid will be identified by the Government of the Republic of Fiji whilst the procurement process will be facilitated by JICS.

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