

**Speech by Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada, Chargé d'affaires a.i.,  
Embassy of Japan, At the Handing Over Ceremony for “The  
Project for Upgrading Namosi Catholic Primary School” funded  
by the Government of Japan**

Thursday, 13 October 2016, 10:00 a.m. at Namosi Catholic Primary  
School

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Ratu Suliano Matanitobua, Tui Namosi

Ms. Sereima Waqatabu, Head Teacher, Namosi Catholic Primary  
School,

Education Representatives,

Fr. Pio Malatolu, Manager, Namosi Catholic Primary School,

Teachers, Parents and Students,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning, Yadra Vinaka, Namaste and Ohayo Gozaimasu,

On behalf of the people and Government of Japan, I wish to  
thank Namosi Catholic Primary School for the warm welcome

extended to me this morning. Today, I am very pleased to hand over the new two-classroom block, office and library equipped with furniture to Namosi Catholic Primary School.

The Government of Japan has provided funding worth One Hundred Sixty Thousand Fiji Dollars (FJ\$160,000) for this project through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects Programme or GGP in short.

Namosi Catholic Primary School has faced difficult challenges as a result of the lack of proper learning facilities. I am very positive that through construction of the new two classroom block, office and library equipped with new furniture, this project will help contribute towards the delivery of quality education for the benefit of the Tikina of Namosi. This project is in line with the Fiji Government's overall national development initiative for education. I am also pleased to say that this project is also aligned to UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which is focused on ensuring inclusive and quality education for all. Such

alignment is one of the main underlying reasons for Japan's contribution to this project.

I urge all students of Namosi Catholic Primary School, to work hard and be diligent students. It is through education that you will be able to unleash your potential and be successful yourselves. In Japan there is a phrase which says 「チャンスは自分で作るもの。」 in translation it means "*you create your own opportunities*"; opportunities do not come to you, you have to go to them. These learning facilities including the library and classrooms will provide you with the opportunity to realize your dream and your career in the future. It is my hope that you will make full use of them.

It gives me great joy to say that since 1990, Japan has been providing continued assistance to grassroots communities in Fiji through implementing 341 GGP projects, with the total value exceeding US\$19 million.

As Fiji continues its nation-building process in the years ahead, Japan remains committed to providing assistance for the

socio-economic development and enhancement of human security in Fiji.

I conclude with confidence that this project will further strengthen the friendship between the people and governments of Fiji and Japan.

**Thank You, Vinaka Vakalevu, Dhanyavaadh and Arigato  
Gozaimasu.**

**The End**