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Japan Hands Over Two Classroom Block, Office, Library and Equipment to Namosi Catholic Primary School

The Government of Japan is pleased to announce the completion of construction works of a two classroom block, office and library equipped with furniture at Namosi Catholic Primary School. The total value of assistance is FJ\$160,000 which is funded under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at the Embassy of Japan will officially hand over the project to Namosi Catholic Primary School at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 13 October 2016, at the school.

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.

Details for the Project for Upgrading Namosi Catholic Primary School

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

In 2013, under directives from the Ministry of Education all Year 7 & 8 students were to be absorbed into primary and no longer in the secondary schools. Namosi Catholic Primary did not have sufficient classrooms to cater for Year 7 & 8 students; therefore, they had to use the secondary school dormitory as temporary classrooms. The classroom for Year 5 students was used as a library thus students were occupying the dining hall. The teachers also did not have a staff office and were using the Head Teachers office which was small and congested to hold staff meetings.

Upon recognising Namosi Catholic Primary School's urgent need for assistance, the Embassy of Japan committed to provide funding assistance under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme for the construction of a concrete two-classroom block, office and library with brand new desks and chairs, all aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the students and staff of the primary school.

2. Basic Information

(a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji

(b) Recipient: Namosi Catholic Primary School

(c) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: FJ\$160,000 for the construction of a 2 classroom block, office & library equipped with furniture for students and teachers

3. Long Term Benefits of the Project

The new two-classroom block, office and library equipped with furniture will now provide the students and staff with a safe and clean environment. Through alleviating the difficulties faced by the school, the facilities provided by this project will help Namosi Catholic Primary School towards achieving the key objective of all schools, which is the delivery of quality education.

4. Overview of the GGP Programme in Fiji

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people and the community from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, more than 340 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amounts to an approximate value exceeding USD 19 million.

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