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## **Japan Provides New Compactor Truck to Nadi Town Council**

The Government of Japan provides a new garbage compactor truck to Nadi Town Council. The total value of assistance is FJ\$179,043 which is funded under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. In the presence of Hon. Parveen Kumar, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment, Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. at the Embassy of Japan, will hand over the compactor truck to the Nadi Town Council at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 October 2016, at the council.

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](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: 3304633.

### **Details for the Project for Provision of Garbage Truck to Nadi Town**

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

In recent years the Nadi area has seen dramatic economic development. This includes the upgrading of the Nadi International Airport and Nadi Municipal Market, construction of a 4-lane highway along the Wailoaloa and Nadi Airport route and increased number of international travellers, businesses and private properties within the vicinity of Nadi Town. This has added to the increasing work load of the Council as the collection of waste has been outsourced to private companies which have been serving the urban and peri-urban areas of Nadi since its establishment in 1947. The three outsourced garbage trucks are unable to meet the increased demands for the public and businesses to collect garbage on a daily basis.

Set on becoming a 'City' in 2017, the Nadi Town Council is stepping up its efforts to ensure that its town remains clean and beautiful for all. Aside from the obvious benefits of cleanliness, a good waste management system is also crucial to maintaining an investor-friendly township and soon to be 'City' which shall benefit the residents, investors, tourists and future generations of Nadi.

2. Basic Information

(a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji

(b) Recipient: Nadi Town Council

(c) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: FJ\$179,043 for the provision of a new garbage compactor truck

3. Long Term Benefits of the Project

The new garbage truck will enable safer and more efficient collection of waste, therefore minimizing health risks for the people of Nadi Town and the surrounding areas. The new rear loaded compactor truck not only has the capacity to carry more garbage but also minimizes any spillage of waste during transportation. Overall, this compactor will assist further to the Council's collection capacity as the township is set on becoming a 'City' in 2017, ensuring that the surrounding environment remains clean and litter-free through effective waste management. It will also significantly reduce the spread of diseases and help improve sanitation.

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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