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Japan Formalizes Assistance to Lautoka Delana Primary School and Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to FJ\$269,111 (US\$140,961) to Lautoka Delana Primary School and Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan, will sign on two grant contracts with the respective recipients to formalize Japan's assistance at a signing ceremony that will be hosted by the Embassy of Japan, at Level 2, BSP Life Centre, Suva, at 10:00 am on Thursday, 25 January 2018.

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: <u>peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> or <u>eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> and phone number: 3304633.

Details for the Two Respective Projects

- 1. The Project for Upgrading Lautoka Delana Primary School (Western Division)
- (a) Recipient: Lautoka Delana Primary School
- (b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Joeli Derenalagi, Head Teacher
- (c) Details: Lautoka Delana Primary School will receive up to FJ\$165,890 (US\$86,894) for the construction of a two classroom block. With the increase in student enrolment in 2016, the school has converted its library to accommodate Year Seven students. The school currently enrols 430 students and has declined more students from enrolment due to limited classroom space. Prospective students from nearby communities and settlements have no alternative but to seek school's that are located at a farther distance thus paying more for transport. The project aims to assist the school in enrolling more students and also enable the school to provide a more conducive environment for teaching and learning. The project will also allow the school to use the library for its original purpose.
- 2. The Project for Water Supply to Vuiyakana Village and Kavika Settlement (Northern Division)
- (a) Recipient: Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation
- (b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. John Lewis, Chair of the Board, Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation
- (c) Details: Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation will receive up to FJ\$103,221 (US\$54,067) for the construction and improvement of water supply to Vuiyakana village and Kavika settlement in Macuata Province. Vuiyakana village existing water supply is currently not meeting the demands of its 100 residents. Kavika settlement currently does not have a proper water system and its 76 residents rely on a shallow well to meet their daily water needs. Through the implementation of this project, these respective communities will benefit by having access to clean and consistent water supply.

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of

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Japan in order to empower the people 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, 353 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 23.64 million.

