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Japan Hands Over a New Three-Classroom Block to Navakawau Catholic School

The Government of Japan is pleased to announce the completion of a new concrete three-classroom block equipped with furniture at Navakawau Catholic School. This was funded under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The total value of assistance is F\$172,000. H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan, will hand over the classroom block with brand new furniture to Navakawau Catholic School at a ceremony to be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, 16 July 2015, 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 Navakawau Catholic School

1. Basis for Implementing the Project
For many years, the students of Navakawau Catholic School had to endure a hazardous learning environment in an aging corrugated iron and timber building. An inspection done by the Taveuni Health Office had found the aforementioned building to be in a deteriorated state beyond repair. Due to the rusting walls and rotting wooden frame, it was recommended that the building be replaced for the safety of the school community. Upon recognizing Navakawau Catholic 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 replacement of the old building through the construction of a concrete three-classroom block with brand new desks and chairs, all aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the school.
2. Basic Information
 - (a) Donor : Embassy of Japan in Fiji
 - (b) Recipient: Navakawau Catholic School (Taveuni)
 - (c) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: F\$172,000 for the construction of a concrete three-classroom block equipped with new desks and chairs for the students and teachers.
3. Long Term Benefits of the Project
The new concrete three-classroom block will now provide the students with a safe and clean environment that is conducive to learning. Through alleviating the difficulties faced by the school, the facilities provided by this project will help Navakawau Catholic School towards achieving a 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 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 300 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 18 million.

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