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Japan provides new compactor truck to Savusavu Town Council

The Government of Japan provides a new garbage compactor truck to Savusavu Town Council. The total value of assistance is F\$175,900 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, H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan will hand over the Compactor Truck to the Savusavu Town Council at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 September 2015, 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 or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Details for the Project for Provision of Garbage Truck to Savusavu Town

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

An open three tonne truck which exposes the rubbish being collected is currently being used to collect waste in Savusavu Town. This has led to problems with spillages and unpleasant odours, rendering it unhygienic and a health risk to the garbage collection workers and the general public. Savusavu Town Council is stepping up its efforts to ensure its pristine environment remains clean through effective waste management. This project aims to contribute towards accomplishing this goal for the benefit of the residents, investors, tourists and future generations of Savusavu.

- 2. Basic Information
- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (b) Recipient: Savusavu Town Council
- (c) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: F\$175,900 for the provision of a new five tonne garbage compactor truck.
- 3. Long Term Benefits of the Project
 - The new garbage truck will enable safe and more efficient collection of waste; therefore minimizing health risks for the people of Savusavu Town and the surrounding areas. The new five tonne compactor not only has the capacity to carry more garbage but also minimizes any spillage of waste during transportation. Overall, this compactor will ensure that the town of Savusavu and the surrounding pristine environment remains clean and litter free. 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 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 320 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 18 million.

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