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Japan Hands Over New Classroom Block and Furniture to Toko Sanatan Primary School

The Government of Japan provided FJ\$840,520 to Toko Sanatan Primary School through the Adopt a School programme for the construction a new four classroom block, rehabilitated and reinforced school buildings, a 5,000 litre water tank and 70 sets of students' desk and chair and two sets of teachers' desk and chair to Toko Primary School under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada will hand over the facilities and furniture **at 10:00 a.m. on Friday 25 January 2019 at Toko Primary School.**

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

Details for the Project

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

The assistance is part of the Government of Japan's support for Adopt a School programme which is Fiji's rehabilitation after TC Winston. Toko Sanatan Primary School was established in 1943 and has continuously served students from nearby communities for more than 70 years. The school suffered structural damages to its school buildings during TC Winston and required major rehabilitation to its buildings including the construction of a new four classroom block. In the aftermath of TC Winston, the sick bay had to be converted into a classroom, the library and the head teacher's quarter was also used to conduct classes. This arrangement had negative impact on the quality of education. It became too congested for students to study in the sick bay and head teachers quarters. Upon recognising the need, the Government of Japan funded for the construction of the new school building, the rehabilitation and reinforcement of existing school buildings, a water tank and also 70 sets of students' desk and chair and two sets of teachers' desk and chair. This assistance has allowed the students an opportunity to study in a better learning environment and also lifted the standard of all buildings to cyclone proof standards. The school also became a reliable evacuation centre for the 1,000 residents from the nearby and surrounding communities.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Toko Sanatan Primary School
- (c) Total funding: US\$433,637 (FJ\$840,520)

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, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, 372 projects, including nine projects for Adopt a School (total value is USD4.38million), have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 25 million.

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