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## **Japan Hands Over One Garbage Compactor Truck to Labasa Town Council**

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth FJ\$221,033 (US\$105,388.53) to Labasa Town Council for the procurement of one 9 tonne garbage compactor truck through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. HADA Tsuguyoshi, Counsellor & Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Fiji, will hand over the garbage truck to Labasa Town Council at **10:00 a.m. on Friday 24 January 2019, at Labasa Town Council office.**

You are most welcome to join the handing over ceremony. 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 phone number: 3304633.

### **Details for "Project for Provision of Garbage Compactor Truck to Labasa Town"**

#### **(a) Basis for Implementing the Project**

- (1) Labasa Town Council serves the largest township in Vanua Levu with an estimated total population of 11,000. The population has significantly increased from 6,800 in 2007. This has led to the massive challenge of serving the population for the Council. The Council is especially facing difficulties in accommodating the waste disposal demand. The Council has resorted to hiring two 5 tonne garbage compactor trucks and two non-specialized open trucks to ensure the waste collection. However, these hired trucks are very costly to the Council.
- (2) The new 9 tonne garbage compactor truck is expected to provide greater efficiency to alleviate financial stringency as the Council will no longer hire two 5 tonnes garbage compactor trucks and to keep hygiene environment in the town clean. This project aims to improve waste management operations of the Council by strengthening the delivery of efficient, hazard free and timely waste collection service to the people of the Labasa.

#### **(b) Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Labasa Town Council
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$221,033 (US\$105,388.53)

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 since 1990. To date, 384 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme with an approximate value exceeding USD 26 million.

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