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Japan Hands Over 3-Classroom Block to Saint Mary's Primary School

The Government of Japan provided FJ\$181,200 to Saint Mary's Primary School for the construction of a three-classroom block furnished with six whiteboards and 120 student desks and chairs, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. HADA Tsuguyoshi, Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Fiji will hand over the new facilities to the school **at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 July 2020 at Saint Mary's Primary School, Labasa, Vanua Levu**. In addition, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, H.E. Joseph Cella and British Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Paul Welsh will attend the ceremony and deliver remarks.

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 for Upgrading Saint Mary's Primary School

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

Saint Mary's Primary School was established in 1927 and provides quality education to students in Labasa town, Vanua Levu. The school had to cease the use of one school building for 10 class streams from Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 and Year 8 due to its dilapidated condition. In response to the order, the school renovated one old school and then converted this building to a temporary classroom building. However, since the school still lacks classrooms for the students, the school has reluctantly continued to use the aforesaid desolate building for Year 1. This has led to overcrowding of classrooms and has therefore adversely affected students' academic performance. The school requested for assistance in the construction of new classroom block, which consists of three classrooms with furniture. In recognition of the school's need to alleviate the difficulties faced by the school, the Embassy of Japan committed to fund the new facilities that will ensure the delivery of quality education and at the same time provide conducive learning environment.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Saint Mary's Primary School
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$181,200 (US\$84,729.12)

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 and transportation since 1990. To date, 387 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 27 million.

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