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## **Japan Hands Over Aquaculture materials for Tilapia Seed Production to Naduruloulou Research Station**

The Government of Japan provided FJ\$370,422 to Naduruloulou Research Station for the provision of aquaculture materials and heavy machinery, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. H.E. Mr. OMURA Masahiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji will hand over the new materials and machinery to Hon. Semi Tuleca Koroilavesau, Minister for Fisheries, **at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 9 September 2020 at the Naduruloulou Research Station, Nausori.**

You are most welcome to the 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 the Project for Provision of Materials for Tilapia Seed Production to Naduruloulou Research Station**

#### **1. Basis for Implementing the Project**

Naduruloulou Research Station is located about 5km North of Nausori Town. The station has been a leading centre for Fiji's freshwater aquaculture sector and it has successfully developed seed production for several species. The Government of Japan has been providing both technical and material support to the station since the first Prime Minister of Fiji, the Late Honourable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara's historic visit to Japan in 1980. Currently, the station is the only facility for tilapia seed production supporting 500 tilapia farmers in Fiji. The station produces one million tilapia fingerlings annually and there is potential to increase production for further development of tilapia aquaculture to increase food security and sustain livelihood for tilapia farmers as well as the wider communities. In recognition of the need to be accommodated by the station, the Embassy of Japan through this grant provided new aquaculture materials and a tractor to increase the annual tilapia seed production capacity of the station.

#### **2. Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Naduruloulou Research Station
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$370,422 (US\$184,509)

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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