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## Japan formalizes provision of Special Bus to Golden Age Home, Lautoka

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to FJ\$279,000 (US\$139,947) to the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation for provision of a special bus through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, and Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation will sign the grant contract to formalize Japan's assistance at a Grant Contract Signing Ceremony to be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday 3rd March, Investment Fiji Conference Room, Level 6 Civic Towers, Suva.

### 1. Basic information

- (1) Project title: The Provision of Special Bus to Golden Age Home, Lautoka
- (2) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (3) Recipient: Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation
- (4) Grant amount: FJ\$279,000 (US\$139,947)
- (5) Purpose: Provision of Special Bus to Golden Age Home, Lautoka

### 2. Project outline

The Golden Age Home in Lautoka has been facing a lot of difficulties in transporting senior residents for medical treatments, recreational activities and additional social welfare support services for the home. The current transport fleet has served its purpose for quite a lengthy period and cannot also cater for the 52 residents of Golden Age Home.

The Government and the People of Japan will provide funding to the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation for the purchase of a newly specified 35 seat bus with a wheel chair ramp to help solve their difficulties and support the Fiji's Five Year Development Plan from 2017-2021, under one of its key approaches namely, Social Inclusion and Empowerment.

This will greatly benefit the senior citizens from receiving timely medical treatment, increase participation in recreational activities that will help improve physical well-being, emotional health, and cognitive functioning and most importantly support the social services provided by the Ministry.

Since 1990, the Embassy of Japan in Fiji has widely implemented 396 GGP Projects in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation. To date, the Embassy has formalized 396 GGP projects, which amount to an approximate value of twenty nine million US\$28.7 million.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Ms. Mele Raturaga on email address: [mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: (+679) 3304633.

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