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Japan formalizes Seven Projects with Ministry of Education and Local Government

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to FJ\$2,143,068 (US\$1,079,084) for the upgrading/rehabilitation of six different schools and the provision of heavy machinery to Levuka Town Council through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, and respective Head Teachers/ Principals and Mr. Josese Rakuita, the Chief Executive Officer of Levuka Town Council will sign the grant contract to formalize Japan's assistance at a Grant Contract Signing Ceremony held at **Level 9**, **Suvavou House**, **Suva**, **at 3:00 pm on 7**th **March 2022**.

The Honorable Premila Kumar, Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, And Local Government, will be present to witness the signing of contracts.

You are most welcome to attend 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 of the Projects

Education Projects

- 1. <u>Dreketi Central College</u>
- A) Project Name: The Project for Upgrading of Dreketi Central College
- B) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Emosi Kuli, School Principal
- C) **Details:** Dreketi Central College will receive FJD \$333,784 for the construction of a 3-classroom block. The school will also receive 120 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teachers
- 2. Nasau Central Secondary School
- A. **Project Name:** The Project for Upgrading of Nasau Central Secondary School
- B. Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Mikaele Waqanibau, School Principal
- C. **Details:** Nasau Central Secondary School will receive FJD \$540,134 for the construction of two 3-classroom blocks. The school will also receive 150 desks and chairs for students and 5 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.
- 3. Ratu Ravuama Vunivalu Memorial School
- A. **Project Name:** The Project for Improving Sanitation Environment of Ratu Ravuama Vunivalu Memorial School

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B. Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Viliame Mulo, Head Teacher

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- C. **Details**: Ratu Ravuama Vunivalu Memorial School will receive FJD \$ 149,060 for the construction of a 11-pan ablution block.
- 4. Toga District School
- A) Project Name: The Project for Improving Sanitation Environment of Toga District School
- B) Grant Contract Signatory: Mrs. Prem Bina Prasad, Head Teacher
- C) **Details**: Toga District School will receive FJD \$134,540 for the construction of a 7-pan ablution block.
- 5. Namalata Central School
- A. Project Name: The Project for Rehabilitation of Namalata Central School
- B. Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Tevita Seru, Head Teacher
- C. **Details:** Namalata Central School will receive FJD \$326,154 for construction of a 3-classroom block. The school will also receive 105 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teacher.
- 6. Ratu Nacagilevu Memorial School
- A) Project Name: The Project for Rehabilitation of Ratu Nacagilevu Memorial School
- B) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Lepani Navucu, Head teacher
- C) **Details:** Ratu Nacagilevu Memorial School will receive FJD \$355,979 for construction of a 3-classroom block. The school will also receive 75 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.

Local Government Assistance

- 7. Levuka Town Council
- A) Project Name: The Project for Provision of Heavy Machinery to Levuka Town Council
- B) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Josese Rakuita, Chief Executive Officer
- Details: LTC will receive funding worth FJD \$303,417 to procure one excavator and one tip truck.

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, **410 projects** have been implemented under the GGP Programme, which amount to an approximate value of **US\$ 30 million**.

Attachment: Program of the grant contract ceremony

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