

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan Hands Over New Toilet Facilities to Nausori Primary School

The Government of Japan provided funding worth FJ\$172,140 to Nausori Primary School, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme for the construction of toilet facilities. Mrs. TAKEDA Takako, Second Secretary, will hand over the new facilities to the school <u>at</u> **10:30 a.m. on Friday, 25 February 2022** at **Nausori Primary School.**

You are most welcome to attend the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Ms. Mele Raturaga on email address: <u>mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> or <u>eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> and phone number: 3304633.

Details for the Project for Improving Sanitation Environment of Nausori Primary School

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

Nausori Primary School was established in 1948 to cater for the education needs in and around Nausori. With this school having an enrolment of almost 800 students, its student toilet facility just has a 16 person capacity. This situation is far from ideal as the minimum standards of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) requires every single school to have one toilet for every 30 boys and one for every 20 girls. Additionally, the toilet facilities had severe plumbing failure and gave off a foul smell, posing a health risk for the students and teachers.

In recognizing the plight of the school, the Government of Japan funded the construction of an additional 20 person toilet facility. This new students toilet block is built to accommodate 10 boys and 10 girls at a time respectively.

This assistance will enable the school to enhance hygiene and sanitation for the students and teachers.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Nausori Primary School
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$172,140 (US\$83,268)

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people at 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, 403 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 29 million.

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