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## **Japan Hands Over New School Building (3 Classrooms) with Furniture and Two 7pans Ablution Blocks to Richmond Methodist High School**

The Government of Japan provided FJ\$607,744 to Richmond Methodist High School for the construction of a New School Building (3 Classrooms) with furniture and Two 7pans Ablution Blocks, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, will hand over the new facilities to the school **on Wednesday, 23rd March 2022 at Richmond Methodist High School, Kadavu.**

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](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: (+679)3304633.

### **Details for the Project for Upgrading Richmond Methodist High School**

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

Richmond Methodist High School was established in 1969 in western Kadavu and has continuously served students from nearby communities for about 50 years. Cyclone Harold directly affected the school in April of 2020. For that reason, the school was facing a lot of damages to most of the school buildings. Two ablution blocks were completely destroyed and one of the school buildings was found to be in critical condition due to land subsidence caused by the cyclonic rain. The government decided to suspend the use of the school building for safety reasons, so students were taught in tents.

For that reason, the Government of Japan funded the construction of a school building (3 Classrooms) with furniture (120 sets of student desks and chairs, 3 teacher's desk and chair) and two 7pans Ablution Blocks. Not only has this assistance provided the students with an opportunity to study in a conducive learning environment, it will also serve as a reliable evacuation centre for the surrounding communities.

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

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Richmond Methodist High School
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$607,744 (US\$303,479)

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, 415 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 31 million.

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