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Japan Hands Over Heavy Machinery (an excavator and 2 tip trucks) for the Northern Divisional office of the Ministry of Agriculture

The Government of Japan provided US\$188,780 to the Ministry of Agriculture for the purchase of heavy machinery (an excavator and 2 tip trucks), under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiko, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, will hand over the heavy machinery to Hon. Mahendra REDDY, Minister for Agriculture **at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at Lakena Conference Room (Ministry of Agriculture), at Lakena, Nausori.**

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 telephone number: (+679)3304633.

Details for The Project for Provision of Excavator and Tip Trucks for the Northern Divisional office of the Ministry of Agriculture

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

Modern agriculture requires efficient connectivity through farm access. Ministry of Agriculture has plans to improve accessibility by providing farm roads to farmers in the Northern Division. However, there are not enough heavy machines in the Northern Division to carry out the plans of the Ministry. The items of this project will be effectively utilized for land preparation, construction and improvement of farm roads. Through this project, the Government and the People of Japan hopes to assist farmers transition from subsistence level farming to commercial agriculture and to support the improvement of the livelihoods of farmers.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Ministry of Agriculture
- (c) Total funding: US\$188,780

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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