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Japan Handover Heavy Machinery to Levuka Town Council

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth up to FJ\$ 303,417.44 (**152,777 USD**) to Levuka Town Council for the provision of an excavator and a tip truck through its 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 machineries to Hon. Premila Kumar -Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts and Local Government and Mr. Josese Rakuita - Chief Executive Officer for Levuka Town Council, at the **Suva Civic Centre**, at **10:30 am** on **30th May 2022**.

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

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

The initial conversation about this project began in 2020 during the tour of Ovalau Island organized by the Fijian Government. The Honourable Minister was also part of the event, and this is where the Embassy learnt of the financial constraints and problems faced by Levuka Town Council from constantly hiring machineries from Viti Levu to manage and clear its dumpsite. Japan highly recognizes the difficulties faced by the Levuka Town Council and at the same time prioritizes environmentally sound waste management practices in the communities, and appreciates the continued partnership with the Municipalities, in this area.

2. Basic information

(1) Project title: The Project for Provision of Heavy machinery to Levuka Town Council

(2) Donor: Government and the People of Japan

(3) Recipient: Levuka Town Council

(4) Grant amount: FJ\$ 303,417.44 (US\$152,777)

(5) Purpose: Provision of an excavator and a 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, **415 projects** have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of **US\$ 31 million**.

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