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Japan formalizes a Project with 4 schools

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to FJ\$ 1,205,500 (US\$ 529,470) for the construction/rehabilitation of four different schools through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Mr. TANAKA Kenichiro, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, and respective Head of Schools will sign the grant contract to formalize Japan's assistance at a Grant Contract Signing Ceremony held at the Embassy of Japan, Suva, at 3:00 pm on 14th February, 2023.

Representatives of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Works, Communications, Transport and Meteorological Services will be present to witness the signing of contracts.

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 Projects

1. Nabaitavo District School

a) Project Name: The Project for Construction of Nabaitavo District School Building

b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Apenisa Vakacereivalu, Head of School

c) Details: Nabaitavo District School Building will receive FJD \$217,610 for the construction of a 2-classroom block. The school will also receive 40 sets of desks and chairs for students and 2 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.

2. Namuka District School

a) Project Name: The Project for Construction of Namuka District School Building

b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Tevita Masiwini, Head of School

c) Details: Namuka District School will receive FJD \$292,808 for the construction of a 3classroom block. The school will also receive 60 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.

3. Navurevure Primary School

- a) Project Name: The Project for Construction of Navurevure Primary School Building
- b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Kameli Tilalati, Head of School

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c) Details: Navurevure Primary School will receive FJD \$304,512 for the construction of a 3classroom block. The school will also receive 90 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.

4. Naceva District School

a) Project Name: The Project for Rehabilitation of Naceva District School

b) Grant Contract Signatory: Mr. Camari Waqa, Head of School

c) Details: Naceva District School will receive FJD \$390,570 for the construction of a 3classroom block. The school will also receive 75 sets of desks and chairs for students and 3 sets of desks and chairs for teachers.

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, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, 416 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 31 million.

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