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## **Japan Hands Over Rehabilitation of Aquaculture Hatchery Centre at Tanaea under Coastal Fisheries Division**

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth AU\$230,699 to Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. IKEDA Hirotsugu, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Japan to the Republic of Kiribati will hand over the Rehabilitated Aquaculture Hatchery **at 16:00 p.m. on 28 February 2023 at Aquaculture Hatchery Centre, Tanaea, Kiribati.**

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### **Details of The Project for Rehabilitation of Aquaculture Hatchery Centre at Tanaea under Coastal Fisheries Division**

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

The Centre was established in 1995 with financial support of Government of Japan through Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF). The Centre has dedicated itself to research mariculture and aquaculture development as well as selective breeding including hatcheries productions of Béche der Mer, Giant Clams, Seaweed and Pearl Oysters.

Nowadays it's quite noticeable that some facilities in the Centre such as its laboratory, two hatchery tank area, overhead water tank and plumping components seem to be beyond their average operational lifespan despite all of continued efforts by CFD to manage to maintain the facilities within a limited budget.

This tangible situation adversely affects the facility operations as well as civil services to play with a key role.

The redevelopment of the facility would enable the continual operation of aquaculture systems with a prioritized reduction of risk or manageable level of risk.

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

- a) Donor: Government of Japan
- b) Recipient : Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development
- c) Total funding: AUD\$230,699 (US\$193,231)

The GGP Programme is one of the Japan's ODA schemes implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower grassroots communities. The GGP Programme in Kiribati has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 1995. To date, 64 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 4.6 million.

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