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## **Japan Hands Over Fish Market to Fishermen on Funafuti Association, Tuvalu**

The Government of Japan provided funding worth AU\$ 149,435 to Fishermen on Funafuti Association, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme for a new Fish Market facility. Mr. TAZAWA Hiroki, First Secretary, will hand over the Fish Market for Fishermen on Funafuti Association at 2:00pm on 10 March 2023.

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

### **Details for The Project for Fish Market**

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

Fisheries is one of Tuvalu's richest resources and local fishermen must be supported in order to help this sector grow. Fishermen on Funafuti Association with the collaboration of Department of Fisheries, has provided the necessary support to fishermen on Funafuti Island, no matter the limited space and capacity.

The fish market will enable the local fishermen to provide the best quality of fish to their customers, and at the same time improve resource management to ensure the sustainability of the local fishing industry. This new facility has a processing room equipped with freezers and water tanks for cleaning and processing fish.

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

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Tuvalu
- (b) Recipient: Fishermen on Funafuti Association
- (c) Total funding: AU\$149,435 (US\$117,415)

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 Tuvalu has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1992. To date, 50 projects have been funded under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 3 million.

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