



From
the People of Japan

PRESS RELEASE

Press Release No: 18/2023

Date: 20 July 2023

Japan Hands over New Classroom Buildings to Nasau Central Secondary School

The Government of Japan provided FJD \$540,134 to Nasau Central Secondary School for the construction of two 1*3 Classroom Buildings, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme.

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to Fiji, will hand over the new facility to the Minister for Education, Hon. Aseri Radrodro **at 12:00pm on 21st July 2023** at the **Nasau Central Secondary School compound**.

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 or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Details for The Project for Upgrading of Nasau Central Secondary School

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

There are 8 villages in the Tikina of Nasau, and there were no secondary schools in the area until this school was established in 2018. The nearest secondary school-Ra High School is about 25km away, and the other-Navesau Adventist High School is about 30km away. The secondary school was previously accommodated at the Nasau District School.

Because of the increase in the school roll annually, the learning space for students had become congested and it was difficult for teachers to conduct classes. In response to this situation, the school alternatively used other existing facilities as classrooms, but this was not adequate and conducive to learning.

For that reason, the Government of Japan funded the construction of two new buildings (5 classrooms and 1 staffroom) at the new school site for Nasau Central Secondary School, and provided necessary classroom furniture (150 sets of desk and chair for students and 5 sets of desk and chair for teachers). These facilities will not only provide the students with an opportunity to study in a conducive learning environment, but also ensure that there is a reliable evacuation centre for the surrounding communities.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Nasau Central Secondary School
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$540,134 (US\$256,077)

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, 423 projects have been funded for under the GGP Programme that amount to an approximate value of USD \$32 million.

END.