
**Speech by, Ms. INOUE Chika, Second Secretary Embassy of Japan,
At the Handing Over Ceremony for Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation
at 10am, 4 August 2023 at Veivatuloa Village.**

Mr. Neil Maharaj, Executive Officer, Rotary Pacific Water for Life
Foundation,

Representatives of Veivatuloa Villages,

Government officials, Media Partners, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Good Morning, Yadra Vinaka, Namaste and Ohayou Gozai
masu.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to
Executive Officer, his team and the Village for hosting this very
important event and for the warm hospitality extended to my
colleagues and myself today.

On behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I am honored to
hand over a new Water Supply System worth Eighty Five thousand
Fijian Dollars (FJD 84,094) to Rotary Pacific Water for Life
Foundation. This project is being implemented under the Japanese

Government's Grassroots Grant Assistance or GGP. Since 1990, we have funded 423 Grassroots Grant projects for the sustainable development in Fiji, totaling over 32 million US dollars.

The "Project for Improvement of Water Supply System in Veivatuloa Village" project will enhance the water quality, water supply and sanitation standards in Veivatuloa village. People of this village experienced lack of adequate clean water supply and this led to some challenges.

It is common knowledge that a clean and regular water supply together with proper sanitation is key to maintaining good health and hygiene as well as prevent diseases such as typhoid. It gives me great joy to see that in recognition of the difficulties faced by the people of Veivatuloa village, handing over the new system will ease such challenges, and bring about a more healthy and hygienic lifestyle .

Supporting this project is an integral part of our continued partnership with the Fijian Government to help it achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 and it is also in line with Fiji's

20 Year National Development Plan (NDP), under one of its key approaches namely, Inclusive Socio-economic Development.

I conclude with confidence that this project will brighten up the faces of the village residents and in addition further strengthen friendship between the Governments and peoples of Japan and Fiji.

Thank You, Vinaka Vakalevu, Dhanyavaadh and Arigatou Gozaimasu.

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