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## **Japan Hands Over A New Training Building with Furniture to Nasau Youth Training Centre**

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth up to FJ\$222,204 (US\$115,125) to Ministry of Youth and Sports for upgrading of Nasau Youth Training Centre through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, and Hon. Jese Saukuru, Minister for Youth and Sports will hand over a new training building and furniture for Nasau Youth Training Centre **at : 11:30 am, 20 September 2023 at Nasau Youth Training Centre.**

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 upgrading of Nasau Youth Training Centre**

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

The centre was established in 1979 and the Ministry of Youth and Sports offers accredited 10 months training programs in Organic Agriculture and Carpentry for age 15-35. Majority of the trainees are school leavers from the mainstream education system or Juveniles who have a difficulties in attaining job opportunities. The Ministry offers them a second chance at continuing their education and attaining a qualification certificate as well as accommodation in the facility for the duration of their course.

The handover new building will utilize for the new 'Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation – Certificate 1' program. Climate change is a global problem and its impact has reached small island states like Fiji. The program intends to create an understanding of climate change strategies to ensure practical solution are realized and implemented in the grass root communities. Enrolment of all courses at the centre will begin in November and the programs had started in February, 2023.

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

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (b) Recipient: Ministry of Youth and Sports
- (c) Total funding: US\$60,211 (FJ\$118,923)

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, 423 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 32 million.

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