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Japan Hands over Two New School Projects in Naitasiri

The Government of Japan provided FJD \$588,229.67 to Navurevure Primary School and Nabaitavo District School for the construction of a new classrooms facility and furniture for each school, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. Kenichiro Tanaka, Charge d'Affaires ad Interim at the Embassy of Japan in Fiji, will hand over the new facility to the Minister for Education, Hon. Aseri Radrodro **on the** <u>13th of</u> <u>October 2023</u> in Naitasiri.

You are most welcome to attend the ceremony. For further queries please contact Ms. Mele Raturaga on email address: <u>mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> or <u>eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> and telephone number: 3304633

Details for the Projects

1. <u>The Project for Construction of Navurevure Primary School</u> <u>Building</u>

Date: 13th October 2023 Time: 10:00am Venue: Navurevure Primary School

I. Basis for Implementing the Project

Over the past years, the school roll had increased drastically without the necessary school infrastructure expansion and improvement. In addition, the deteriorating conditions of old classrooms has created an unsafe learning environment for the students. Therefore, students had to utilize the dining hall as a classroom, conduct composite classes which leads to crowded learning spaces and had made it difficult for teachers to conduct proper classes.

For that reason, the Government of Japan funded the construction of a new 3 classroom block facility and its furniture. This facility will aim improve education and provide a better learning environment for the students.

II. Basic Information

(a) Donor: Government of Japan

- (b) Recipient: Navurevure Primary School
- (c) Total funding: FJ\$377,764

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2. <u>The Project for Construction of Nabaitavo District School</u> <u>Building</u>

Date: 13th October 2023 Time: 2:00pm Venue: Nabaitavo District School

I. Basis for Implementing the Project

In 2022, The Embassy in collaboration with the Ministry of Education identified Nabaitavo District School as a school in dire need for new classrooms. The students of class 1 and class 2 were occupying the school dining hall and the kindergarten class were also using the dining hall veranda for classes. For quite some time, the children were exposed to the rain and cold winds on the veranda which made learning difficult especially for the youngest children of the school.

For that reason, the Government of Japan funded the construction of a new 3 classroom block facility and its furniture. This facility will aim improve education and provide a better learning environment for the students.

3. Basic Information

(d) Donor: Government of Japan

- (e) Recipient: Nabaitavo District School
- (f) Total funding: FJ\$210,465.67

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.

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