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Japan formalizes a Project for the Construction of the Building of William Goward Memorial College in the Republic of Kiribati

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to AU\$ 150,977 to William Goward Memorial College for the construction of a classroom building and furniture through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. IKEDA Hirotsugu, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Japan to the Republic of Kiribati, will sign the Grant Contract with Mr. Ieretita Bwataeru, Secretary, Kiribati Uniting Church Schools in Kiribati, to formalize Japan's assistance at the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony, **at 12.00p.m. on Wednesday, 13th March 2024, at William Goward Memorial College, Kiribati.**

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Details of the Project

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

William Goward Memorial College has over 800 students and is located in South Tarawa, Kiribati. 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. The crowded learning spaces made it difficult not only for students but also for teachers to conduct proper classes.

Recognizing these challenges, the Government of Japan will fund the construction of a new classroom building and its furniture. This facility will aim improve education and provide a better learning environment for the students.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor : Embassy of Japan in Kiribati
- (b) Recipient : William Goward Memorial College
- (c) Total funding : US\$102,004 (AU\$150,977)

The GGP Programme is one of Japan's ODA schemes implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower grassroots communities. The GGP Programme in Kiribati has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and education, transportation and IT, agriculture and fishery since 1995. To date, about 68 projects have been funded under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 4.9 million.

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