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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Japan Hands over a New School Project in Sigatoka**

The Government of Japan provided FJD \$173,600 to Sigatoka District School for the construction of a new classrooms facility and furniture, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Ambassador Mr. Rokuichiro Michii, will hand over the new building to the Minister for Education, Hon. Aseri Radrodro **on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2024** in Sigatoka.

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) and [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: 3304633.

### **Details for the Project**

#### **Details for The Project for Upgrading of Sigatoka District School**

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Sigatoka District 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.

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: Embassy of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Sigatoka District School
- (c) Total funding: FJD\$173,600

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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