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Japan Hands over Tilapia Fishpond for Nasautoka Village.

The Government of Japan provided FJD \$47,068 to the Nairairai Development Cooperative for the construction of three Tilapia Fishponds, Drainage system and tilapia feeds, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. His Excellency the Ambassador Mr. Rokuichiro Michii and the Honourable Alitia Bainivalu, Minister for Fisheries & Forest will hand over the project to the Nairairai Development Co-Operative **on 24th of January 2025** in Nasautoka Village, Tailevu. You are most welcome to attend the ceremony.

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Details for the Project

Details for the Construction of Three Tilapia Fishponds for Nairairai Development Cooperative, Nasautoka Village.

Date: 24th of January 2025

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: Nasautoka Village, Tailevu.

I. Basis for Implementing the Project

The geographic location of Nasautoka has caused the village to struggle with lack of employment possibilities and market accessibility. This has made it more difficult for the community to maintain itself and provide both income and food security. The Tilapia Fishpond project will be a significant boost for Nasautoka Village, providing both economic and nutritional benefits to the community.

With Japan's generous funding support, the village now has the resources to develop a sustainable aquaculture project, fostering local employment opportunities and enhancing food security. This initiative not only ensures a consistent supply of fresh, nutritious fish but also promotes self-sufficiency and resilience among the 321 residents from 72 households.

II. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Nairairai Development Cooperative
- (c) Total funding: FJD\$47,068.00

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan 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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