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## **Japan Hands Over New School Facilities to Bau District School**

The Government of Japan had provided FJ\$308,480 to Bau District School for the construction of a new classroom building and a dormitory, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. Takada Isami, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Japan to the Republic of Fiji and the Honourable Mr. Aseri RADRODRO, the Minister for Education, will hand over the newly constructed classroom building, dormitory, and school infirmary—each fully furnished with the necessary amenities. to the Bau District School on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at Bau District School, Tailevu.

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 for Upgrading of Bau District School**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Time:** 11.00 am

**Venue:** Bau District School

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

Bau District School serves the villages of Bau, Lasakau, Soso, Nakoroivau, Viwa Island, Naiqiriqirilali and Taro Settlement. Students that reside out of Bau Island are ferried by outboard-motor boats on a daily basis to and for school from as early as 7am. The school experiences a high rate of absenteeism during inclement weather. Additionally, the increase in roll for students meant students were studying in congested classrooms, this has impacted the quality and delivery of education.

The project will ensure that students are accommodated in a standard dormitory with proper amenities that is comfortable and safe for students. Moreover a new classroom will offer greater learning space, providing students a platform for quality education.

#### **II. Basic Information**

(a) Donor: Government of Japan

(b) Recipient: Bau District School

(c) Total funding from the Government of Japan: FJ\$ 308,480.00

(d) Additional Funding from the Ministry of Education: FJ\$ 46,829.36

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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