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Japan Hands Over New Classroom building and Dormitory to Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development

The Government of Japan had provided assistance worth up to FJ\$1,040,876.46 (US\$472,662) to Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development (CATD) for improvement of the school facilities through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Ambassador Mr. Rokuichiro Michii with Honorable Ifereimi Vasu, Minister for iTaukei Affairs will hand over new facilities to CATD **at: 10:00 am, 25 September 2025 at Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development, Nadave.**

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 or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and phone number: 3304633.

Details for The Project for Improvement of the Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development

Date: 25 September 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

The Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development (CATD) was set up with the initial mandate of improving the standard of living of Fiji's youth in the rural sector through the development of technical skills and services and promotion of better leadership qualities necessary to enhance and facilitate community development.

The current facilities has been deteriorating and need to upgrade. This is negatively affecting to fully deliver the certifications that CATD aims to roll out for students. As such, the renovations and upgrade of the current facilities is a key priority. Recognizing the challenging, Japan decided to fund the construction of a new school classroom building with classroom furniture, and a dormitory which will cater for 100 students.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (b) Recipient: Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development
- (c) Total funding: US\$472,662 (FJ\$1,040,876.46)

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, 423 projects have been funded under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 32 million.

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