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Japan GGP Ground Breaking Ceremony for Montfort Technical Institute Student's Dormitory

The Government of Japan and the Montfort Technical Institute celebrated the ground breaking ceremony to commence the construction of a student's dormitory, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots human security project on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga attended the ground breaking ceremony and was accompanied by Mrs. Akiko Ishii. His Eminence Soane Patita Paini Cardinal Mafi also attended the ceremony along with Mr. Stan Tu'amoehloa, Board President of the Institute, the Teachers, Parents and Students of Montfort.

The Project was formalized last December, with a grant amount of USD\$87,831 to construct a new student dormitory with its own kitchen and a bathroom facility. The new student's dormitory will be the first dormitory for Montfort since it was established in 1996 and it will be named as Bro. Joseph Kottoor Memorial Boys Hostel, in tribute to the first principal of the institute, who recently passed away early this year.

Montfort is a Technical Institute offering technical courses for both male and female student in Carpentry, Automotive Mechanical and Electric engineering. Brother Curzmeccias Sebastian, Principal of Montfort said that the project will provide as an accommodation facility for students attending from the outer islands. They highly appreciate Japan's generous assistances, and looking forward to the completion of the project.

The assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and the Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security and continue to enrich the existing warm and close relations between the people and the Government of Japan and the people of the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Attachment: Project Factsheet & Photos

Project Fact Sheet
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

1) Project Title	The Project for Construction of the Student's Dormitory of Montfort Technical Institute
Recipient	Montfort Technical Institute
Grant Amount	USD\$87.831.00
Project Outline	
- 1x New Student's Dormitory (including kitchen, toilets, showers)	

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H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga in the ground breaking ceremony to commence the construction of a student's dormitory for Montfort Technical Institute on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.



The distinguished guests at the ground breaking ceremony for the student's dormitory funded under Japan's GGP.



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii along with Mrs. Ishii, Cardinal Mafi, Bro. Curzmeccias Sebastian with Mr. Stan Tu'amoheloa at the construction site for the new student's dormitory for Montfort Technical Institute.