

# Embassy of Japan Tonga

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Japan GGP hand over of Students' Dormitory for Montfort Technical Institute**

The Government of Japan and the Montfort Technical Institute celebrated the completion of a student's dormitory building, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, GGP on Saturday, 8 September, 2018.

His Excellency Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga congratulated the completion of the project at a hand over ceremony attended by His Eminence Cardinal Mafi along with visiting Montfort Brothers from India, Bro P.J George and Bro Mariannan. Other guests included Lord Ve'e'hala, Mr. Soane Vahe, Director of the Catholic Education, Representative from the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Parents and Teachers, and the students of the Montfort Technical Institute.

In the keynote address, Ambassador Ishii emphasized the strong concentration of Japan's GGP in the education sector which is the key for further creating a brighter foundation for a nation building. "It is my delight that we have completed this project, which will help increase employment opportunities for young people from the outer islands."

"I trust that the school will continue their hard work by taking good care of the building, so that future students will also reap the same benefits," said the Ambassador.

Brother Curzmeccias Sebastian, Principal of Montfort thanked the people and the Government of Japan for their assistance. The new student's dormitory will be the first one for Montfort since it was established in 1996 and will be named after the first Principal who passed away early this year as Bro. Joseph Kottoor Memorial Boys Hostel.

Japan's GGP was introduced in 1990 to respond directly to the basic human needs at the grass-roots level. Over 270 GGP project have been handed over in Tonga throughout its island groups. These 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

# Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

## Project Fact Sheet

1) Project Title	The Project for the Construction of the Students Dormitory of Montfort Technical Institute
Recipient	Montfort Technical Institute
Grant Amount	USD\$87,831.00

Project Outline  
- 1x new Students Dormitory

Photos:



HE Tetsuya Ishii, Mrs Ishii with His Eminence Cardinal Mafi and the Montfort Brothers from India, Principal of Montfort outside the new students' dormitory for the Institute handed over on Saturday, 8 September 2018.



His Eminence Cardinal Mafi blessed the new students' dormitory.



Address by HE Tetsuya Ishii during the handover ceremony for Montfort's new student dormitory funded by Japan's GGP.



Handover ceremony of the new student's dormitory for Montfort Technical Institute.



New student's dormitory for Montfort Technical Institute, handed over on Saturday 8 September 2018