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Japan GGP Official Commissioning of the TVET facility for ‘Apifo’ou College

On Thursday, 9 June 2016, the Government of Japan and the ‘Apifo’ou College Parents and Teachers’ Association celebrated the commissioning of the Project for Upgrading of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training facility for the College, funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, GGP.

His Excellency Mr. Yukio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga attended the commissioning ceremony along with His Eminence, Cardinal Mafi. Present also at the ceremony were Mr. Tatafu Moeaki, CEO of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning and Mr. Soane Vahe, Director of Catholic Education and members of the Parents and Teachers’ Association for ‘Apifo’ou College.

His Excellency Mr. Numata in his keynote address congratulating the completion of the Project emphasized that this project was aimed to help reduce the high drop-out rates in secondary education levels of Tonga, one of the causes being said to be the shortage in the learning opportunities of employment-related skills. “I am confident that with this new TVET facility, young people will have a wider range of opportunities to choose from for their future, and then aspire to become responsible citizens of Tonga,” stated the Ambassador.

In blessing the new constructed TVET facility, Cardinal Mafi acknowledged the assistance from the people and the Government of Japan to enhance the technical and vocational knowledge of students of ‘Apifo’ou College, and supporting the Catholic Church mission to educate everyone to become successful Christians.

The Apifo’ou College Parent’s and Teacher’s Association sought for Japan’s assistance in 2015, providing necessary resources to facilitate the talents of over 50 TVET students.

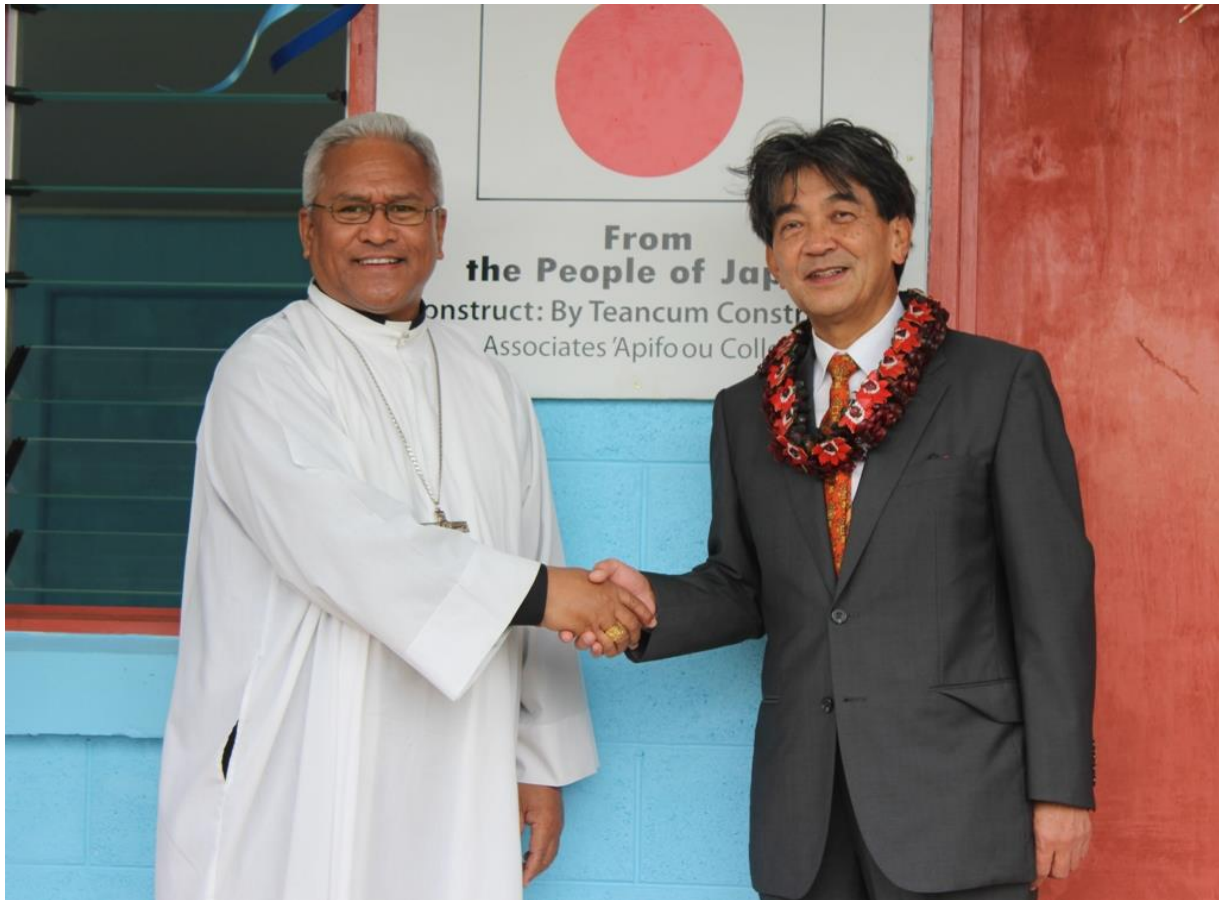
Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects was introduced in 1989, and over 50 percent of the GGP in Tonga are implemented in the field of Education. Japan’s assistance epitomize commitment to support efforts by the People and the Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security, and also hope to strengthen the 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

Project Name	The Project for Upgrading of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Facility of 'Apifo'ou College
Recipient	'Apifo'ou College Parents and Teachers' Association
Grant Amount	USD\$100,073.00 (TOP\$195,722.67)
Contractor	TEACOM & SONS
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1x New TVET Classroom Building (2classrooms & 1 teacher's room, 1 storage room)- 1x New Toilet Building- 2x Water Tank (5,000 litter)	
Photos	
	
<p>H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with His Eminence Cardinal Mafi at the commissioning ceremony of the new classrooms for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET for 'Apifo'ou College.</p>	



The commissioning ceremony held on Thursday, 9 June 2016.



H.E Mr. Yukio Numata inside the new facility with Mr. Filo 'Akau'ola Chairperson of the 'Apifo'ou College Parents and Teachers' Association and the Contractor, Mr. Tianikumi Finau of TEACOM & SONS Construction.



Mr. Tatafu Moeaki CEO for Ministry of Finance and National Planning brief the Project for 'Apifo'ou.



The new Technical and Vocational Education and Training Facility of 'Apifo'ou College, funded by the Government of Japan.



H.E Mr. Yukio Numata together with Mr. Soane Vahe, Director of Catholic Education, Mr. Filo 'Akau'ola and the Acting Principal Mr. 'Automalo Kaufusi..



His Eminence Cardinal Mafi with TVET teachers of 'Apifo'ou College.