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**Japan GGP handover ceremony of the Upgraded Water Supply System
for Nukuleka Village**

The Government of Japan and the Nukuleka Village Water Committee celebrated the handover of the upgraded water supply system for the village, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, GGP on Tuesday 20 December 2016.

His Excellency Mr. Yukio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga handed over the upgraded water supply system during a handover ceremony held from 15:00 at the Nukuleka Community Hall. Hon. Dr. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa, People's Representative into Parliament for Tongatapu Constituency #10 and also Minister for Police Prison and Fire Service, and Minister for Commerce, Consumer, Trade, Innovation and Labor attended the ceremony along with Dr. Kilisitina Puleiku, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Mr. Leka, Nukuleka's Village Chief, Mr. Sitiveni Fe'ao, Nukuleka's Town Officer and the people of Nukuleka.

In his keynote address, His Excellency Mr. Yukio Numata, congratulated the completion of the project and highlighted the need to properly manage freshwater resources for the quality of life. "Tonga's exceptional practice of having each village oversee the daily operation of its water supply systems, make GGP a vital part of the close cooperation between our nations," stated the Ambassador.

Nukuleka village's main pipe system had been upgraded through a previous GGP project in 2006 and His Excellency Mr. Numata was pleased that Japan was able to assist Nukuleka again, after their water tank facility was destroyed by a tornado in 2015.

Hon. Dr. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa thanked the people and the Government of Japan for the generous assistance and assured that the people of Nukuleka would now enjoy good sanitation and good quality of life. The Nukuleka Village Water Committee sought for Japan's assistance prioritizing efficient access and sufficient distribution of water to over 250 population living in village. Sitiveni Fe'ao, Nukuleka's Town Officer acknowledged the long cordial friendship of his village and the Embassy of Japan in Nuku'alofa. (kindly refer to attached Project Factsheet for detail of assistance.)

Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects was introduced in 1990 to response to various development needs in developing countries. The assistance epitomize Japan's commitment to support efforts by the People and the Government of Tonga to achieve its National Strategic Planning Framework, 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 Water Supply System for Nukuleka Village
Recipient		Nukuleka Village Water Committee Mr. Siteveni Fe'ao (Chairperson/Town Officer)
Grant Amount		USD\$54,633.00
Contractor		Palu Development
Project Outline		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1x Solar Water Pump Unit- 1x Tank Stand (30 feet)- 1x Water Tank (5,000 gallon)- 2x Pump House (renovation, each for solar pump unit & diesel pump unit)- Fence surrounding the solar pump house & panel- External Audit		
Photos;		
		
<p>H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with Hon. Dr. Pohiva Tu'lonetoa, Dr. Kilisitina Puleiku and Nukuleka Village Water Committee at the handover ceremony of the Upgraded Water Supply System for Nukuleka Village funded under Japan's GGP. 20 December 2016</p>		



Nukuleka's village chief, Leka presenting a gift of appreciation to the people and Government of Japan.



New Solar panel and pump house facility for Nukuleka Village.



New 30 feet tank stand for Nukuleka Village Upgrade Water Supply System.



Nukuleka residence to benefit from Japan's GGP project. 20 December 2016