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Japan GGP handover ceremony of the Upgraded Water Supply System for Tatakamotonga

The Government of Japan and the Tatakamotonga Village Water Committee celebrated the handover of their Upgraded Water Supply System funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, GGP on Tuesday, 29 August 2017.

His Excellency Mr. Yukio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga congratulated the completion of the Project during a handover ceremony held at the water supply site in Tatakamotonga village. Hon. Penisimani Fifita, Minister for Education and Training who is also the People's Representative of Tongatapu Constituency # 9 attended the ceremony along with the people of Tatakamotonga.

His Excellency Mr. Yukio Numata in his keynote address emphasized in Tongan language that this assistance is from the people of Japan in signifying of a healthier population for Tonga, and the warm friendship between our people, "ko e me'a'ofa eni mei he kakai 'o Siapani, koe'uhi ko 'enau mahu'inga'ia 'i he moui lelei 'a e kakai Tonga pehe foki he va faka-kaungame'a 'a hota ongo fonua."

The Ambassador expressed his joy in being able to assist Tatakamotonga Village in building its resilience against any sanitation problems caused by the lack of access to clean and plentiful water. He also applauded the collaboration of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, the Contractor and the Village Water Committee in facilitating the project.

Hon. Penisimani Fifita in his vote of thanks acknowledged the assistance from the people and Government of Japan aiming at improving the physical infrastructure and providing better living standard for Tatakamotonga residents. "Japan has assisted Tonga in many ways in community development project and we are grateful for the generosity of the Government and People of Japan." Tatakamotonga Village Water Committee sought for Japan's assistance in 2016 to upgrade a deteriorating water supply system hindering distribution of water supply to the 1,763 people residing in the village.

Japans Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects was introduced in 1990 to response to various development needs in developing countries, and to date have granted over 270 projects in different sectors throughout Tonga. 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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Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

Project Fact Sheet

Project Name	The Project for Upgrading of the Water Supply System for Tatakamotonga Village
Recipient	Tatakamotonga Village Water Committee (Mr. Tevita Fakatou /Town Officer)
Grant Amount	USD\$81,827.00

Project Outline

- 1x solar power water (1set)
- 2x tank stand
- 2x water tank (5,000 gallon)
- Fence around the solar and pump house system

Background:

- Tatakamotonga Village used diesel generated water supply and recently the pumps are deteriorating and breaking out.
- The new upgraded water supply will be able to distribute water effectively to all of 856 resident of Tatakamotonga.

Photo:



H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with Hon. Penisimani Fifita along with the people of Tatakamotonga Village at the handover of their Upgraded Water Supply System on Tuesday, 29 August 2017.



The unveiling of the sign board for the Tatakamotonga Water Supply System.



Tatakamotonga community appreciating access to stable water supply, upgraded by Japan's GGP.



Mr. Tevita Fakatou, Town Officer of Tatakamotonga Village along with women in the community present gift of appreciation for Japan's assistance.



Commissioning of Tatakamotonga Water Supply System on Tuesday, 29 August 2017.



Tatakamotonga New Water Pump System