

# Embassy of Japan

## Tonga

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Japan formalized Grassroots Human Security Projects for Holonga Village and Montford Technical Institute in Nuku'alofa**

The Grant Contract formalizing the Government of Japan's assistance to Holonga Village Water Supply and Montford Technical Institute was signed between H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Tonga, and the recipients on Friday 8 December 2017, at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning at the St. George Government Building.

Present at the ceremony were People's Representative to Parliament of the recipient communities, Hon. Penisimani Fifita, People Representative for Tongatapu Constituency # 10 who is also Minister for Education and Training, and Hon. Mateni Tapueluelu People's Representative for Tongatapu Constituency # 4 who is also Minister for Police and Fire Services. Also present were Mrs. Kilisitina Tuameiapi of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Mr. 'Aloisio Finau, Town Officer of Holonga Village and the Holonga Village Council members, Fr. Paulo 'Amao and Brother Cruzmecias Sebastian, Principal of the Montford Technical Institute.

H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii in his key note address reiterated importance of Japan's GGP projects which directly address the community's needs and has positively and greatly impacted Tonga, saying "I am confident that through these opportunities we can join efforts to take solid steps towards overcoming hardships that the people of the Kingdom face."

He appreciated the collaboration to initiate the projects and wished that the people of Holonga village and the students of Montford Technical Institute would soon enjoy the outcome of the projects. "The securing of clean water and a reliable system to distribute it for people's daily needs in accordance with the Tonga Strategic Development Framework of 2015-2025, and the promotion of technical education and training to equip youth for the future are some of our high priorities," added the Ambassador.

Mr. 'Aloisio Finau, Town Officer of Holonga and Brother Cruzmecias Sebastian of Montford both thanked the Ambassador for the assistance. Brother Sebastian highlighted that Japan's assistance to construct a student's dormitory for Montford will benefit the less privilege student of the outer islands.

Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects was introduced to Tonga in 1990 and since then over 260 projects have been implemented in various fields and locations throughout the Kingdom.

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Attachment: Project Factsheet & Photos

### Project Fact Sheet Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Main Pipes of the Water Supply System of Holonga Village, Tongatapu
Recipient	Holonga Village Council
Grant Amount	USD\$78,434.00
Project Outline	
- Replace new main water pipes	

Photos;



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with Mr. 'Aloisio Finau, Town Office and Chairperson of Holonga Village Council formalizing Japan's GGP assistance for the village.



Holonga Village Council representative at the signing ceremony on Friday, 8 December 2017.

2) Project Title	The Project for Construction of the Students Dormitory of Montfort Technical Institute
Recipient	Montfort Technical Institute
Grant Amount	USD\$87.831.00

Project Outline  
- New Student's Dormitory (including kitchen, toilets, showers)

Photos;



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii formalizing the Government of Japan's assistance for Montfort Technical Institute with Brother Curzmeccias Sebastian the Principal.



Montfort Technical Institute representatives present at the signing ceremony on Friday, 8 December 2017.

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H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Hon. Penisimani Fifita, Hon. Mateni Tapueluelu and the members of Holonga Village Council and Montfort Technical Institute.