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Japan GGP Ground Breaking Ceremony for TVET facility for Takuilau College

The Government of Japan and Takuilau College celebrated the ground breaking ceremony to commence the construction of a Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) facility, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots human security project on Friday, 11 May 2018.

H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga was the guest of honour at the ground breaking ceremony and was accompanied by Mrs. Akiko Ishii. Hon. Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili was present at the ceremony along with Hon. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa, Minister for Finance and National Planning also the Peoples Representative of Tongatapu # 10, Mr. Soane Vahe, Director of the Catholic Education, Fr. 'Epiloka Pahia, Parish Priest of Lapaha village the Teachers, Parents and Students of Takuilau College

The Project was formalized in March this year, with a grant amount of USD\$84,331 to construct the new TVET facility for Takuilau replacing the old classrooms that are no longer able to be used.

In his keynote address at the ceremony, H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii expressed his hope that the new classroom will enable the current and future students of Takuilau College and the Hahake district to have high quality, technical and vocational education and training. "We are confident that the empowerment of the youth leads to the empowerment of the nation as a whole, and also leads to the long-term development and prosperity of a county," stated the Ambassador.

Takuilau College offered their TVET class to better equip students with interests in industrial arts. Hon. Pohiva Tu'i'onetoa on behalf of the Catholic Diocese and the Government of Tonga acknowledged Japan's assistance which will create opportunities for these students. He also added that the new TVET facility is again a testimony of the strong bond between Tonga and Japan.

The assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and the Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security and continue 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

Project Fact Sheet
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Technical and Vocational Education and Training, TVET Facility for Takuilau College
Recipient	Takuilau College
Grant Amount	USD\$84,331.00
Project Outline	
- 1x New TVET Facility (4 Classrooms)	

Photos;



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with Mrs. Akiko Ishii, Hon. Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili and the Distinguished guests at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new TVET facility for Takuilau College, on Friday 11 May 2018.



Hon. Gennaro Kalaniuvalu Fotofili performed the ground breaking ceremony assisted by Mr. Sitani Paulo Mahe Principal of Takuilau College and Fr. 'Epiloka Pahia.



The ground breaking ceremony for the TVET facility of Takuilau College on Friday, 11 May.



Students of Takuilau College, on Friday 11 May 2018.



Keynote address by H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii at the ground breaking ceremony for Takuilau's new TVET facility.