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Japan GGP Ground Breaking Ceremony for Malia Tupu 'Imakulata

The Government of Japan and Malia Tupu 'Imakulata Primary School celebrated the ground breaking ceremony to commence the construction of a new classroom facility funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots human security project on Wednesday, 25 July 2018.

Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Japan to Tonga, was the guest of honour at the ground breaking ceremony held at the school compound at Ma'ufanga. Present at the ceremony were Mr. Tatafu Moeaki, Chairperson of the Ma'ufanga Parish Council, Fr. Newcastle Niukapu and Fr. Sepa Maka Ohi along with the Parents and Teachers' Association, and the students of Malia Tupu 'Imakulata Primary School.

The Project was formalized this year, with a grant amount of USD\$89,178 to fund constructing of a new classroom building with two rooms and a new toilet block. The school sought for Japan's assistance to accommodate the growing number of students and prioritising a safer and healthier educational environment for all.

Mr. Tatafu Moeaki expressed appreciation for the assistance from the people and Government of Japan supporting a major development, which the school could not afford.

Japan's GGP was introduced in 1990 to respond directly to the basic human needs at the grass-roots level communities. Over 260 GGP project have been implemented in Tonga and throughout its island groups. These assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and the Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security and continue to enrich the existing 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 Malia Tupu 'Imakulata Primary School
Recipient	Malia Tupu 'Imakulata
Grant Amount	USD\$89,178.00

- Project Outline
- 1x New Classroom Block (2 Classrooms)
 - 1x New Toilet Block for Students

Photos



Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada with students of Malia Tupu 'Imakulata and guests at the ground breaking ceremony on Wednesday, 25 July 2018.



The ground breaking of the GGP Project at the construction site.



Students of Malia Tupu 'Imakulata who are to benefit from Japan's GGP Project.



A traditional group dance performed by students of Malia Tupu 'Imakulata for the ground breaking ceremony.



Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada with Guests at the ground breaking ceremony for Malia Tupu 'Imakulata Primary School GGP Project, on Wednesday 25 July 2018.