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Japan GGP Ground Breaking Ceremony for St. Francis of Assisi Primary School

The Government of Japan and St. Francis of Assisi Primary School celebrated the ground breaking ceremony to commence the construction of their new classroom facilities funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots human security project on Friday, 27 July 2018.

Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada, Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Japan to Tonga along with His Eminence Soane Patita Cardinal Mafi were present at the ceremony. Mr. Soane Vahe, Director of the Catholic Education Office also attended the event together with Monsignor Lutoviko Finau, Vicar General and Parish Priest of the Nuku'alofa Parish, the Parents and Teachers' Association as well as the students of St. Francis of Assisi Primary School.

The Project was formalized in March this year, with a grant amount of USD\$73,965 to fund constructing of a new classroom building with two rooms and a new toilet block for the Primary School.

His Eminence Cardinal Mafi expressed his appreciation for the assistance from the people and Government of Japan, benefiting the students of St. Francis of Assisi. The Cardinal noted the growing relations between the school and Japan, evident in the soroban competitions where student from St. Francis of Assisi were always successfully and winning prices. The Primary School is located at the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church compound in Nuku'alofa, with around 230 students.

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 St. Francis of Assisi Primary School
Recipient	St. Francis of Assisi Primary PTA
Grant Amount	USD\$73,965
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1x New Classroom Block (2 Classrooms) - 1x New Toilet Block for Students 	

Photos



Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada with His Eminence Cardinal Mafi and the students of St. Francis of Assisi Primary School at the ground breaking ceremony on Friday, 27 July 2018.



The ground breaking ceremony for the GGP Project, at the construction site.



His Eminence Cardinal Mafi before the construction site.



Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada with His Eminence Cardinal Mafi and guests at the ground breaking ceremony on Friday, 27 July 2018.



Students of St. Francis Assisi Primary School.