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“For disaster reduction through developing people’s daily activities”
Japan GGP handover for Kauvai, Ha’apai Community Hall

The Government of Japan and the people of the Kauvai, Ha’apai islands celebrated the completion of their new community hall constructed under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, on Wednesday 4, September 2019. His Excellency Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan handed over the new community hall during a handover ceremony at Ha’ano island.

Lord Tu’iha’angana, Estate Holder of Ha’ano attended the ceremony along with Lady Tu’iha’angana. Present also was Mr. Mo’ale Finau, People’s Representative for Ha’apai Constituency Number 12. Government Officials from the Governor of Ha’apai Office, District Officer and Town Officer and the people from the islands of Kauvai, Ha’apai.

His Excellency Tetsuya Ishii was pleased with the completion of the new community hall for Kauvai islands which is located at Ha’ano. “I am confident that this facility will become a vital part of your society. The hall will serve as a beacon of hope for the people of Kauvai, through various training programs and outreach activities.”

“It will also serve as a steady shelter during times of disaster as well as a place for the distribution of basic needs after a disaster,” stated the Ambassador.

Lord Tu’iha’anaga acknowledged with gratitude the assistance from the people and Government of Japan. He said the new hall will indeed accommodate the community’s activities, but more importantly the hall will be an evacuation center during times of natural disasters. The project also installed a new water tank beside the hall, and was given a new diesel generator.

The Government of Japan’s GGP scheme was introduced in 1990 to respond directly to basic human needs at the grass-roots level. Over 280 projects have been completed and handed over in the Kingdom of Tonga and so far over 40 projects have been handed over to various communities in Ha’apai.

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Attachment: Project Factsheet & Photos

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

Project Fact Sheet

1) Project Title	The Project for Re-building the Community Hall for Kauvai Island, Ha'apai
Recipient	Ha'ano Community Committee
Grant Amount	USD \$85,769
Project Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Community Hall- Water tank & diesel generator

Photos;



H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with Lord Tu'iha'angana along with Mr. Mo'ale Finau and the people of Ha'ano, inside the new community hall for Kauvai Ha'ano handed over on Wednesday, 4 September 2019.



Marking the handover of the new community hall for Kauvai Ha'ano by H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii and Lord Tu'iha'angana.



The keynote address by H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii at the handover ceremony at Kauvai, Ha'apai.



New community hall for Kauvai, Ha'apai funded by Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project.



H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with Lord Tu'iha'angana and Mr. Moale Finau inside the new community hall.



The Project briefing by Ms. Holeva Makaafi, Ministry of Finance during the handover ceremony.