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“For the well-being of the current and future generations” **Japan’s GGP handover of Pelehake’s Upgraded Water Supply**

The Embassy of Japan and the people of Pelehake celebrated the completion of their upgraded water supply system funded by Japan’s Grant Assistant for Grass-Roots Human Security Project on Tuesday, 3 December 2019. His Excellency Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga handed over the project during the handover ceremony attended by His Serene Highness Prince Tu’ipelehake.

Present also at the ceremony were Hon. Penisimani Fifita, People’s Representative for Tongatapu #9, Representative from the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Samiu ‘Aho, Town Officer of Pelehake and the people of Pelehake.

H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii was delighted to handover the upgraded water supply system so that households in Pelehake will have access to clean and stable water, every day. “I trust that the people and the water committee of Pelehake village will take good care of the new water system for many years, not only as a vital part of your own daily lives but also as a necessity for protecting the well-being of the future generations in your community,” he said.

Prince Tu’ipelehake thanked the Ambassador on behalf of his people and emphasized the significance of Japan’s assistance in the development of Pelehake village.

Pelehake’s village water committee sought for Japan’s GGP assistance after damage made by Cyclone Gita in 2018 to the pump house, in addition to the inadequate distribution of water supply due to deteriorating piping system. The facilities installed under this project include new electric water pump system, new water tank, new tank stand, replacement and installation of water pipes, and a pump house with fence to secure the system.

The Government of Japan’s GGP scheme was introduced in 1990, and over 280 projects have been handed over in the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Pelehake Village
Recipient	Pelehake Village Water Committee
Grant Amount	USD \$89,073.00

Project Outline:

- 1x Electric Water Pump System
- 1x Water Tank
- 2x Tank Stand (9m)
- 1x Water Pipes
- 1x Pump House

Photos;



H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with HSH Prince Tu'ipelehake and the people of Pelehake village celebrated the handover of their upgraded water supply system funded by Japan's GGP on Tuesday 3rd December 2019

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H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, HSH Prince Tu'ipelehake with distinguished guests at the handover ceremony for Pelehake's new water supply system.



The keynote address at the handover ceremony.

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The new pump house for Pelehake funded under Japan's GGP program.



The upgraded water supply system for Pelehake village was handover on Tuesday, 3 December 2019.

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Pelchake village's new tank stand.