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“Directly and promptly meeting various needs of communities”
Japan’s GGP formalized four new projects in Nuku’alofa

The Grant Contract formalizing the Government of Japan’s assistance to four new Grassroots Human Security Projects were signed between H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Tonga and respective recipients on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 in Nuku’alofa.

Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs attended the signing ceremony, and was also attended by Dr. Siale ‘Akau’ola, CEO for Ministry of Health, Town Officers of Hihifo District, Hihifo Water Supply Committee and Representatives from the Fua’amotu and Ha’alalo Government Primary Schools.

H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii stated that “The Embassy attaches importance to good health for everyone, access to clean and plentiful water, and the empowerment of communities through education.” He added that the GGP’s main objective is to directly meet the various needs of communities with a prompt approach.

Appreciating Japan’s assistance Hon. Tevita Lavemaau expressed gratitude and emphasized the timely assistance of Japan’s GGP which reached 290 projects in Tonga, particularly in upgrading some of the affected schools after Cyclone Gita in February 2018. On behalf of the recipient communities, Mr. Sione Manumanu, Chairperson of Hihifo Water Supply Committee thanked the Ambassador and the people of Japan in addressing the priority needs of their villages to access to a clean and stable water supply.

The four benefiting projects are; Houma Health Centre, Hihifo District Water Supply (Kolovai, ‘Ahou, Kanokupolu & Ha’atafu villages), Government Primary School of Ha’alalo and the Government Primary School of Fua’amotu.

Japan’s GGP was introduced in 1990 and over 290 projects have been implemented throughout the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading of Houma Community Health Centre
Recipient	Ministry of Health
Grant Amount	USD \$61,228.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extension of Community Health Centre - Audit 	

2) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading Water Supply System of Hihifo District
Recipient	Hihifo Water Supply Committee
Grant Amount	USD \$70,859.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diesel Water Pump System - Electric Water Pump System - Audit 	

3) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading Fua'amotu Government Primary School
Recipient	PTA of Fua'amotu GPS
Grant Amount	USD \$82,180.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovation Classroom Block (3 classroom) - Fence - Audit 	

4) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading Ha'alalo Government Primary School
Recipient	PTA of Ha'alalo GPS
Grant Amount	USD \$90,625.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Classroom Block - New Toilet Block - Audit 	

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Photos;



Recipient communities of Japan's GGP assistance at the signing ceremony on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at the Ministry of Finance, conference room.



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii with Hon. Tevita Lavemaau at the signing ceremony on 10 December, 2019.

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H.E. Tetsuya Ishii with Dr. Siale 'Akau'ola, CEO of Ministry of Health and the Houma Community Health Centre representatives after the signing ceremony.



Hihifo district water committee received Japan's GGP assistance for an upgrade water pump system.

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The Government Primary School of Fua'amotu also signed for an upgrade classroom funded by Japan's GGP on Tuesday, 10 December 2019.



PTA and staff of Ha'alalo Government Primary School recipient of Japan's GGP assistance 2019.

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Mrs. Fapiola 'Epenisa signed for the GGP assistance to upgrade the Government Primary School of Ha'alalo.