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“Directly and promptly meeting various needs of communities” **Japan’s GGP formalized three new projects in Tonga**

The Grant Contract formalizing the Government of Japan’s assistance to three new Grassroots Human Security Projects were signed between H.E. Mr. ISHII Tetsuya, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Tonga and respective recipients on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 in Nuku‘alofa.

Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs witnessed the signing ceremony which was attended by Rev. Dr. ‘Asinate Samate, Principal of Queen Salote College, Mr. Tuifio Finau, District Officer for ‘Eua, Mr. Moala ‘Aniseko, Nukunuku Town Officer, Managers and Contractor’s for the approved projects.

In the keynote address by H.E. Mr. ISHII Tetsuya he reiterated that the main objective of Japan’s GGP is to directly meet the various needs of communities, and empower communities through various activities. The funding will enable upgrade work to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Facility for Queen Salote College in the field of Home Economics. “It is our belief that both education and training of the youth are the base for developing a community, and it will become the key for further developing a country as a whole,” said the Ambassador. He was pleased that the GGP will also fund upgrade to the water supply of Nukunuku Village, and the upgrade work for Malau Community Hall in ‘Eua island, which significantly will serve as a shelter during times of disasters.

Ms. Funaki Paea, Head of Queen Salote College TVET thanked the Ambassador and the people of Japan. She said a dream of yesterday is a reality today and is a blessing for tomorrow, and they the beneficiaries of Japan’s GGP cannot thank Japan enough.

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 the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Facility of Queen Salote College
Grant Amount	USD \$81,500.00
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Renovation of TVET facility (Home Economic classrooms)- Audit	

2) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Nukunuku Village
Grant Amount	USD \$90,121.00
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Diesel and Electric Pump System- Water tank (13,000l)- Tank Stand- Main Pipes (1,210m)- Audit	

3) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading Malau Community Hall in 'Eua Island
Grant Amount	USD \$89,139.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Renovation of Community Hall- Audit	

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Photos;



H.E. Mr. ISHII Tetsuya with signatories of Japan's GGP formalized on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 in Nuku'alofa along with Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs.



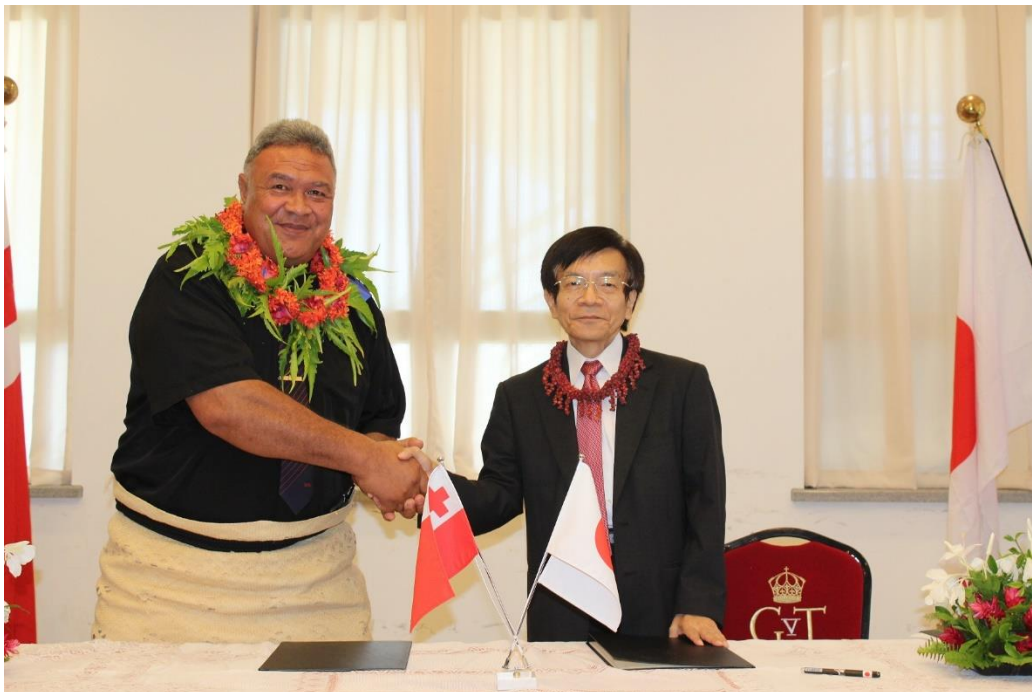
Rev. Dr. 'Asinate Samate signed for the Project for Upgrading the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Facility for Queen Salote College.

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Mr. Moala 'Aniseko, Town Officer of Nukunuku signed for Japan's GGP to upgrade Nukunuku village water supply system.



Mr. Tuifio Finau signed for the Project for Upgrading Malau Community Hall in 'Eua.

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H.E. Mr. ISHII Tetsuya address the ceremony.



H.E. Mr. ISHII Tetsuya with Hon. Tevita Lavemaau and the representatives of the benefiting communities of Japan's GGP assistance after the signing ceremony at the conference room of the Ministry of Finance, St George Government Building.