

**Embassy of Japan**

**Tonga**

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Four Japan's GGPs (Grant assistance for Grassroots human security Project) for Tonga were signed**

The Grant Contracts on the Japan's GGP were signed on Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at Tonga's Ministry of Finance, in Nuku'alofa.

H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, the new Ambassador Designate of Japan to Tonga was present to witness the grant contract signing ceremony along with Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs. Present also were Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Finance Aid Officials, Managers, Representatives, Auditors and Contractor's for the approved Projects.

The Japan's grant assistance will finance the construction of a new classroom building for the Government Primary School of Kolomotu'a, the upgrading of the water supply system for Vaini village, the new and efficient transportation for the Tonga Red Cross Society, and the provision of waste collection trucks for the Waste Authority Limited.

In the keynote address by H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA, he was pleased that Japan's GGP had responded to the challenges at the grassroots level throughout Tonga. "These Projects will play a great role in the construction of stronger and more resilient societies in the future," he said. He also highlighted that this year marked Tonga and Japan's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations, and wished to further promote the friendship and good relations between both countries.

On behalf of the Project beneficiaries Mr. Sione Taumoefolau, Secretary General of the Tonga Red Cross, thanked the Ambassador and the Government of Japan for assisting the unique challenges faced by local communities of Tonga.

The Project signatories were; Mr. 'Eva Mafi for Kolomotu'a Government Primary School PTA, Mr. Funaki Makatoa for Vaini Village Water Committee, Mr. Sione Taumoefolau for Tonga Red Cross Society and Mr. Malakai Lomu Sika for Waste Authority Limited.

Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko signed to formalize the grant contract assistance from the Government of Japan.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading Kolomotu'a Government Primary School
Grant Amount	USD \$88,000
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Classroom Block (2rooms)</li> <li>- Audit</li> </ul>	

2) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Vaini Village
Grant Amount	USD \$89,329
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water Pump (Electric)</li> <li>- Water Tank</li> <li>- Tank Stand</li> <li>- Extension of main pipe</li> <li>- Audit</li> </ul>	

3) Project Title	The Project for Provision of Vehicle for Tonga Red Cross Society
Grant Amount	USD \$53,000
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Mini Bus</li> <li>- Audit</li> </ul>	

4) Project Title	The Project for strengthening the waste management of outer island through the deployment of waste collection vehicles
Grant Amount	USD \$84,753
Project Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transportation &amp; Maintenance (1 Compactor /2 Trucks )</li> <li>- Audit</li> </ul>	

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Photos:



H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Designate of Japan to Tonga with Hon. Tevita Lavemaau, Minister for Finance and Minister, Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Ms. Elizabeth Baker and signatories of Japan's GGP on Tuesday, 15 December 2020.



The key note address by H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA, Ambassador Designate of Japan to Tonga.

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Grant contract signed for Tonga Red Cross Society by Sione Taumoeofau, Secretary General and Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan in Nuku'alofa.



Mr. Funaki Makatoa signed for Japan's GGP to upgrade the water supply system for Vaini village.