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Japan's GGP handover for Hihifo District Upgraded Water Supply System

The Embassy of Japan and the people of the Hihifo District celebrated the completion of their upgraded water supply system funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Human Security Project, or GGP on Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

His Royal Highness Prince Ata was the guest of honour at the handover ceremony, which was attended by His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Designate of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga. Present also at the ceremony were Hon. Losaline Ma'asi, People's Representative for Tongatapu Constituency 5, Balwyn Fa'otusia, CEO for Ministry of Finance, District and Town Officers and the people of the Hihifo District villages.

HRH Prince Ata acknowledged the assistance saying, "We are so grateful for the generous assistance from the Government and people of Japan. I have no doubt this is just the beginning of a work relationship between the district, the Government of Tonga and the Government of Japan."

The upgraded water supply system aims to assure that the people of the Hihifo District access to the basic human needs, water. His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA acknowledged the support from His Royal Highness and applauded the successful collaboration by the community to enjoy a stable supply of clean water. "I strongly hope that this project will play a great role in constructing a stronger and more resilient societies for the future, and that our friendship will continue to be enriched by our cooperation," added the Ambassador.

The Hihifo District includes the villages of Ha'atafu, Kanokupolu, 'Ahau and Kolovai, and Japan's assistance enables the installation of two new water pump systems to assist in the sufficient distribution of water to all of the villages.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Hihifo District
Recipient	Hihifo Water Supply Committee
Grant Amount	USD 70,859
Project Outline: 1x Electric Water Pump System 1x Diesel Water Pump System Labour Audit	

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His Royal Highness, Prince Ata with His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku at the upgraded water pump for Hihifo District funded by Japan's GGP, on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

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The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Hihifo District, funded by Japan's GGP.



Address by H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku at the Project's handover ceremony.

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HRH Prince Ata with H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Mrs. MUNENAGA and the people of Hihifo District.



Mr. Sione Manumanu, Chairperson of Hihifo Water Supply Committee, H.E. Mr. and Mrs. Munenaga and Mrs. Losaline Maasi.