

**Embassy of Japan**  
**Tonga**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Japan's GGP Handover for Pangaimotu Kindergarten**

The Embassy of Japan and the Pangaimotu Kindergarten, in Vava'u island celebrated the completion of a new classroom building, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Human Security Project (GGP) on Wednesday, 24 April 2024.

His Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga visited Vava'u islands and handed over the new building during a ceremony, attended by Dr. Mo'ale 'Otunuku, People's Representative for Vava'u 14. Other guests included Mr. Sione Tokoma'ata, Officer in Charge of Vava'u Primary Schools, Members of the Parents, Teachers Association and the students of the Government Primary School of Pangaimotu.

The occasion marks the first official event for Ambassador INAGAKI after his presentation of Credentials to His Majesty King Tupou VI, last week.

"I greatly appreciate the efforts and dedication of the Parents and Teachers Association to complete this project. I believe that education is the foundation for a bright future for everyone. It is our social responsibility to provide a quality education for children of all ages," said Ambassador INAGAKI

He applauded the dedication and collaboration from all stakeholders in the success completion of the project, and also the same level of commitment towards maintaining the new classroom building to benefit many generations to come.

In the vote of thanks by Mr. Sione Tokoma'ata he acknowledged the significant assistance from Japan, assuring that the kindergarten students in Pangaimotu enjoy a much better educational environment.

The new classroom building located at the Government Middle School of Pangaimotu will also benefit kindergarten students from neighboring villages of 'Utungake, Talihau and 'Utulei.

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Attached: Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Construction of Pangaimotu Kindergarten
Recipient	Parents and Teachers Association of Pangaimotu Government Middle School
Grant Amount	USD 72,000

**Project Outline:**

- 1x new classroom building (including office & storage space)



The commissioning of the new classroom building for Pangaimotu Kindergarten, in Vava'u funded by Japan's GGP on Wednesday 24 April 2024.



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The Pangaimotu Kindergarten students performing a “ma’ulu’ulu” during the handover ceremony of their new classroom on Wednesday 24 April 2024.



GMS Pangaimotu Teachers and Students with their new classroom building funded by Japan's GGP.



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Handover ceremony for Pangaimotu Kindergarten, in Vava'u island.