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Japan formalized two new GGP Projects for Tonga

The Grant Contracts formalizing Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, GGP for two new projects for the Kingdom of Tonga were signed on Friday, 24 October 2025 in Nuku'alofa.

Mr. Toshiyuki Daishoji, Acting Ambassador of Japan to Tonga formalized Japan's assistance with Lady 'Amelia Ma'afu, Treasurer of Tupou College's Parents and Teachers Association for the renovation of the Cooking Facility for the college, and also with Mr. Sinipata Muli, Chairperson for 'Eueiki Community Committee for a new Evacuation Centre and Community Hall.

The ceremony was also attended by Hon. Kapelieli Lanumata, Minister of Trade and Economic Development, Rev. Dr. 'Ungatea Kata, President of the Free Wesleyan Church Schools, Mrs. Kilisitina Tuamei'api, CEO for Ministry of Finance, and Contractors of both the recipient Projects.

"The two new Projects have different objectives based on the immediate needs of each community," emphasized Mr. Daishoji.

"Japan always prioritized education, it is our firm belief that a good school environment is significant for a student's successful journey in education." Japan will renovate and upgrade the current cooking facility for Tupou College renewing the facilities to ensure that cooking is done in a safe and sanitized environment.

Mr. Daishoji also highlighted that, in recognition of the need to prepare for natural disaster, the Government of Japan will construct a new evacuation centre and community hall for 'Eueiki Island. The new hall will also be equipped with a kitchen, storage room and bathroom facility.

Lady 'Amelia Ma'afu acknowledged the assistance from the Government of Japan. "This vital initiative will transform our food infrastructure making it possible to provide healthier and more sustainable meals to over 1,000 students and staff at Tupou College. This upgrade facility is more than just a facility – it is a symbol of partnership, progress, and care for our young people's wellbeing.

"Your generosity will have a lasting impact on our school and our wider community," said Lady Ma'afu.

Japan's GGP have assisted numerous community and school projects throughout the Kingdom of Tonga, since the 1990's. The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Finance conference room at St. George Building.

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PROJECT FACTSHEET:

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| 1) Project Title | The Project for the Renovation of Cooking Facility for Tupou College |
| Grant Amount | USD \$ 143,800 |
| Project Components - Renovation of facility (1 Cooking Facility) | |

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| 2) Project Title | The Project for the Construction of 'Eueiki Evacuation Centre and Community Hall |
| Grant Amount | USD \$ 116,905 |
| Project Component - 1 New Community Hall (including Storage Room, Bathroom, and Kitchen) | |

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Photos:



Formalizing Japan's GGP for the Renovation of the Cooking Facility for Tupou College, Toloa by Lady Ma'afu, Treasurer of the Toloa PTA and Mr. Daishoji Toshiyuki, Acting Ambassador of Japan to Tonga.



Mr. Sinipata Muli signed for Japan's GGP for the new Evacuation and Community Hall for 'Eueiki.

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Lady 'Amelia Ma'afu, Rev. Dr. 'Ungatea Kata and Rev. Samiuela Fonua represented Tupou College, Toloa.



Hon. Kapelieli Lanumata with the 'Eueiki Community Committee at the signing ceremony on Friday, 24 October 2025 in Nuku'alofa.