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Japan's NPGA to Tonga Broadcasting Commission

On Wednesday, 10th December 2025, His. Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga and Hon. Dr. 'Aisake Eke, Prime Minister of Tonga signed the Exchange of Notes on Japan's Non-project Grant Assistance, or NPGA for the provision of solar power system to Tonga Broadcasting Commission.

His Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao congratulated the partnership with Tonga Broadcasting Commission, or TBC, sharing commitments to resilience and sustainable development. "With the rising costs of power generation, TBC has faced operational challenges, these challenges threatens the sustainability of it's vital services. In recognizing this, Japan is committed to supporting Tonga in enhancing it's energy resilience through this solar power initiative with a grant of 400million Japanese Yen, equivalent to 2.65million USD."

"By providing a stable and sustainable energy source, we aim to reduce operational costs and ensure that TBC continue its critical work without interruption. The ultimate beneficiaries of this initiative are the people of Tonga, who will enjoy uninterrupted access to vital information." Ambassador INAGAKI also added that the project highlights the innovation and expertise of Japanese technology and the committed to delivering high-quality, reliable solutions that meet the specific needs of Japan's partners.

Hon. Dr. 'Aisake Eke, Prime Minister of Tonga expressed on behalf of the Government of Tonga their sincere gratitude for the assistance and commitment from the Government and people of Japan. He emphasized that "I have no doubt that Tonga will continue to benefit from the high-quality and reliable solutions channeled through this partnership." and "It is our mutual respect, our mutual understanding of each other's challenges that our two Governments are dedicated to working together to build our resilience, contributing to the strengthening of our Kizuna, of the Blue Pacific Continent and the prosperity of our two people in the Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

TBC is the sole public broadcasting entity in Tonga and it plays an indispensable role in delivering vital information to the citizens of Tonga. This NPGA projects will introduce a containerized solar power generation system and distribution transformers for grid connection, to reduce electricity consumption at TBC Headquarters and the Popua Transmitter Station.

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Attached: Photos

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Formalizing Japan's NPGA assistance to Tonga Broadcasting Commission by His Excellency, Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga and Hon. Dr. 'Aisake Eke, Prime Minister of Tonga on Wednesday, 10 December 2025 in Nuku'alofa



Signing the Exchange of Notes for Japan's NPGA, at Prime Minister's Office in Nuku'alofa.



Above and Below: The signing ceremony for Japan's NPGA to Tonga Broadcasting Commission including Acting CEO for TBC, Solomone Finau and Staff, and JICA Tonga office.



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