

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Project for the improvement of Water Supply System in Navutoka village

On Wednesday, 28 January 2026, His Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga handed over the newly upgraded water supply system of Navutoka village to members of its community.

The Project provided a grant aid of \$72,874.00 US dollars to replace the old main water pipes, which were installed almost 30 years ago. The main pipes had deteriorated severely due to their age resulting in leaks that caused water shortages in most households.

In commissioning this assistance, H.E. Mr. INAGAKI highlighted Japan's commitment to improving people's basic human needs, which includes access to a steady supply of clean water. The Ambassador of Japan in his keynote address warmly reiterated the project's objective, explaining to those in attendance that "...this GGP project has replaced your main water pipe systems to ensure that leakages will no longer disrupt the households' demands for water."

His Excellency expressed his gratitude to Navutoka's Water Committee, the Tonga Water Board, and Kingdom Solutions for their coordinated efforts that made the project a reality. He also underlined the close cooperation between the Embassy of Japan and Tonga's Ministry of Finance over the years, which he referred to as a "...pillar for these community projects."

Present at the ceremony was Halatuituia, a member of Tonga's nobility, Mr. Quddus Fielea, CEO of the Tonga Water Board, Mr. Sione Kafoa, Town Officer of Navutoka village, Ms. Hinemoa Langi, Economist of the Ministry of Finance, and residents of Navutoka village.

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His Excellency, Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga with Navutoka Water Committee after the handover of their upgraded Water Supply System by Japan's GGP on Wednesday, 28 January 2026



Commissioning the Upgraded Water Supply System for Navutoka Village.



Unveiling of the Project funded by Japan's GGP, for upgrading Navutoka Water Supply



H.E Mr. INAGAKI Hisao with Halatuituia at the handover ceremony for the Navutoka water supply upgrade.