

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

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Japan formalized GGP Assistance for Kolovai**  
**FWC Primary and Middle School**

The Grant Contracts formalizing Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project (GGP), for the Construction of Class Rooms and a Multipurpose Hall for Kolovai Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School was signed on Wednesday, 4 February 2026 in Nuku'alofa.

His Excellency, Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga formalized the assistance with Rev. Samisoni Tuiaki, Chairperson of the Parents Teachers Association.

Rev. Dr. 'Ungatea Kata, President of the FWC Schools attended the ceremony together with PTA Representatives and the Principal of the FWC Primary and Middle School, Mr. Sione Kolopeakua. Mr. Nick Lavemaau, Acting Head of Aid Management & Resilience Development Division of the Ministry of Finance and Contractors of the Project were also present.

"The Government and people of Japan greatly prioritize education for young students, and it is our sincere hope that these building will serve not only the current students but also many more students in the future," emphasized Ambassador INAGAKI.

"In recognition of the insecure condition of the school building, Japan approved the construction to help the students receive a quality education experience in a safe environment."

The Ambassador also acknowledged the continuing support from the Ministry of Finance towards Japan's GGP over the years, with hope that the projects will build a more stronger and resilient community in the Kingdom.

Rev. Dr. 'Ungatea Kata thanked the Ambassador and the Government of Japan for the generous support which indeed is a meaningful investment in the safety, education a future of our children. "Through your generosity, our children will soon be taught in safe, suitable and dignified classrooms- an environment that nurtures learning, confidence, and hope."

The new building will be a multipurpose hall with extra classrooms to accommodate the rapid increase in number of students enrolled at the school.

Japan's GGP have upgraded community and schools Projects throughout the Kingdom 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:

1) Project Title	The Project for the Construction of Class Rooms and Multipurpose Hall at Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School, Kolovai
Grant Amount	USD \$ 100,000
Project Components	- Renovation of facility (Class Rooms and Multipurpose Hall)

Photos:



H.E Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga with Rev. Samisoni Tuiaki after formalizing Japan's GGP for Kolovai FWC Primary and Middle School on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026,

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GGP signing ceremony at the Ministry of Finance Conference Room, Nuku'alofa.



GGP signing ceremony for FWC Primary and Middle School of Kolovai, on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



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Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao



The signing ceremony on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

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