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Japan's GGP Handover of Classroom Building for GMS 'Ohonua, 'Eua

The Embassy of Japan and the Government Middle School of 'Ohonua, in 'Eua island celebrated the completion of their upgraded classroom building, funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Human Security Project (GGP) on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

His Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga visited 'Eua and handed over the upgraded classrooms during a brief ceremony, attended by Mr. 'Isikeli Oko, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Education and Training.

In his address, Ambassador INAGAKI reiterated that education is the foundation for a bright future for everyone and it is our responsibility to provide a certain educational environment for young students equally.

"I hope that our GGP, including today's project will continue to play an important role in building stronger and more resilient societies in the Kingdom, and that the warm and close friendship between Japan and Tonga will continue to be enriched by our cooperation," he added.

Mr. 'Isikeli Oko, conveyed the outmost gratitude of the Ministry of Education's for the valuable assistance from the people and Government of Japan, transforming lives and committing to protecting and the safety learning environment of the children.

He said that Japan's GGP is, "reaching communities where the need is greatest. The students of 'Ohonua GMS will know now that they are valued and they represent opportunity, and that no child's potential is limited due to inadequacy of their surroundings," said Mr. Oko.

The new classrooms will be used by the students of forms 1 & 2. The school was established in the 1960s and currently enrolling over 250 students.

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Attached: Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Improvement of ‘Ohonua Government Middle School
Recipient	Parents and Teachers Association of ‘Ohonua Government Middle School
Grant Amount	USD 69,000.00

Project Outline:

- 1x classroom building (4 rooms with partition walls)

Photos:



H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga with Mr. ‘Isikeli Oko, CEO for Ministry of Education and Training, Siosifa Lakalaka, Acting Government Representative of ‘Eua, and Mr. Tala Fili Chairperson PTA of GMS ‘Ohonua at the new classroom building upgraded by Japan’s GGP, Tuesday 17th February 2026.

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The upgraded classrooms with partition walled, handed over for students of GMS 'Ohonua



Soroban skills demonstrated by students of GMS 'Ohonua.

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Students of GMS 'Ohonua acknowledged Japan's GGP assistance.



Japan's GGP project for 'Ohonua GMS.