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Japan's GGP Handover for Kolovai Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School, Classroom and Multipurpose Hall

The Embassy of Japan and the Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School of Kolovai celebrated the completion of new classrooms and multipurpose hall funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Project (GGP) on Friday, 19 June 2026.

His Royal Highness Prince Ata commissioned the new facility during an opening ceremony.

His Excellency, Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga congratulated the completion of the Project and the significant milestone for the school in celebrating their 200th anniversary.

"It is momentous for me to join Your Royal Highness, not only for the handover of the new classrooms and multipurpose hall but also for the commemoration of the Nasaleti School's 200th Anniversary."

"This school is not only a place of learning for children but also a valuable asset for the entire community. Therefore, I kindly ask for (every stakeholder's) continued cooperation and support in taking good care of these facilities," stated H.E Mr. INGAKI.

He acknowledged the dedication of the stakeholders, especially the contractor Kiwi Tonga Limited and the auditor R. Albin Johansson & Co for the successful delivery of the Project. He also recognized the continuous support from the Ministry of Finance.

Founded in 1826, Kolovai's Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School, FWPMS, also known as the Nasaleti, is a long-standing educational institution. The deterioration of classrooms was a concern for the school, hence their Parent and Teacher Association, PTA, sought for Japan's GGP for a better and safer learning environment for their students.

Rev. Dr. 'Ungatea Kata, President of the FWC Education thanked the Ambassador and the Government of Japan for their GGP assistance which will enhance the development and growth of the students at the Nasaleti school.

The handover ceremony was attended by Hon. Dr. 'Aisake Eke, People's Representative for Tongatapu Constituency #5, along with ex-students of the school arriving from all of Tonga and overseas to celebrate their 200th anniversary and the Bicentennial Anniversary of Christianity in Tonga.

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Attached: Factsheet & Photos

1) Project Title	The Project for the Construction of Science and Computer Rooms and Multipurpose Hall at Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School, Kolovai
Recipient	PTA of Free Wesleyan Primary and Middle School of Kolovai
Grant Amount	USD100,000

Project Outline:

- Construction of facility (Science and Computer Rooms and Multipurpose Hall)

Photos:



His Royal Highness Prince Ata commissioned the new classrooms and multipurpose hall for Kolovai FWPMS funded by Japan's GGP on Friday, 19th June 2026 in Kolovai.

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The handover ceremony of the new classrooms and multipurpose hall for Kolovai FWPMs.



Students of the Nasaleti school in joy of their new classrooms and multipurpose hall.

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H.E. Ambassador INGAKI addressing at the handover ceremony.



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Ex-Students of the 1950's of Nasaleti school joined the handover ceremony with appreciation.



Hon. Dr. 'Aisake Eke with stakeholders of the Project, FWC School Department, Ministry of Finance, Contractor and the GGP team from the Embassy of Japan.

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