

# Embassy of Japan

## Tonga

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Japan formalizes Assistance for three Grassroots Human Security**

##### **Projects in Tonga**

The Grant Contracts formalizing the Government of Japan providing assistance for three Grassroots Human Security Projects in the Kingdom of Tonga were signed between H.E Mr. Yukio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga, and Representatives of respective recipient organizations on Thursday, 3 March 2016. The signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning, and present at the ceremony were Halatuituia, Navutoka's Village Chief and Rev. Dr. Mele'ana Puloka, President of the Free Wesleyan Church Education.

H.E Mr. Yukio Numata in his key note address highlighted that the assistance is a proof of Japan's determination to assist Tonga directly to the local communities, and also upholding Tonga's Strategic Development Framework for 2015-2025 for "a more progressive Tonga supporting a higher quality of life for all."

The Ambassador also emphasized that "Providing a positive, healthy and secure environment will help build the character for children and improve the level of comfort for communities which is also a key factor in economic progress."

Japan's assistance was made available through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, better known in Tonga the GGP. The benefiting organizations are Veitongo Government Primary School PTA, Maamaloa Vaololoa Kindergarten PTA and the Navutoka Village Water Committee. Kindly refer to the attachment for details of projects.

Rev. Dr. Mele'ana Puloka, President of the FWC Education in her words of thanks partially in Japanese language expressed the heartfelt appreciation from the benefiting communities for Japan's assistance, prioritising education and community basic needs.

The assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security and also hope to strengthen the warm and close relations between the people and the Government of Japan and the people of the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Attachment: Project Factsheet

## Project Fact Sheet

### Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading of Veitongo Government Primary School
Recipient	Veitongo Government Primary School PTA
Grant Amount	USD\$85,054 (TOP\$173,404.00)

#### Project Outline

- 1x New Classroom Building (2 classrooms)
- 1x Water Tank (10,000 liter)
- Fence surrounding the school

#### Photos;



H.E Mr. Yukio Numata and Ms. Loluama Tupoumalohi, Chairlady of the Veitongo GPS PTA formalizing Japan's assistance on 3 March 2016



Veitongo GPS Representatives at the Signing Ceremony.

2) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading of Maamaloa Vaololoa Kindergarten
Recipient	Maamaloa Vaololoa Kindergarten PTA
Grant Amount	USD\$80,687 (TOP\$164,500.00)
Project Outline	
- 1x New Classroom Building (2 classrooms/a staff room/a storage room)	
- 1x Water Tank (10,000 liter)	
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Photos;



Mrs. Salote Misa, Chairlady of the Maamaloa Vaololoa Kindergarten PTA signing for Japan's assistance.



Mrs. Taufua Kioa, Principal of the Maamaloa Vaololoa Kindergarten, Rev. Dr. Male'ana Puloka, H.E Mr. Yukio Numata, Mrs. Salote Misa and Mrs. Nane Seti formalising Japan's assistance on 3 March 2016.

3) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading of Water Supply System for Navutoka Village, Tongatapu
Recipient	Navutoka Village Water Committee
Grant Amount	USD\$86,058 (TOP\$175,451.00)

**Project Outline**

- 1x Solar Power Water Pump Unit
- 1x New Tank Stand
- 1x Water Tank (5,000 gallon)
- Renovation to old Tank
- 2x New fence to protect system

**Photos;**



Mr. Lolomana'ia Fanguna, Chairperson and Town Officer of Navutoka Village after signing for Japan's assistance.



Halatuituia and H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with the Water Committee of Navutoka Village.