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## **Japan Formalizes Funding for Improvement of Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf in Vanuatu**

The Government of Japan will provide funding assistance worth approximately 4.6 billion Japanese Yen (approx. 4 billion Vanuatu Vatu) to the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu for the Improvement of Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf, under its Yen Loan Program as part of the implementation of climate change measures. His Excellency Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan, and the Honourable Meltek Sato Kilman Lituvanu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu, will formalize Japan's assistance to Vanuatu at an Exchange of Notes signing ceremony hosted by Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utilities (MIPU), at Lapetasi Wharf, Port Vila, at 9:00 am on Wednesday, 29 July 2015.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: [peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: (679)330-4633.

### **Details for the Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development Project Phase ( II )**

#### **1. Background of the Project**

Due to the increase in shipping and cargo handled by Vanuatu's ports as a result of its economic development, the Government of Japan funded the improvement of the Main Wharf through its Grant Aid in 2008. However, there was further increase in cruise ship arrivals, which were given priority over cargo ships due to their crucial role in the tourism industry. This caused great delays for cargo ships that had to wait for the departure of cruise ships before they could dock at the Main Wharf. This prompted the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu to request for a Yen Loan from the Government of Japan to develop a new wharf for international cargo vessels. Upon recognizing the project proposal being of national importance, the Government of Japan provided funding under its Yen Loan Programme, worth 4.4 billion Vatu for the Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development Project Phase ( I ) in 2012. In order to accomplish the full potential of the Project (Phase ( I )), following due consultation between both countries, the Government of Japan has decided to formalize funding for Phase ( II ) of the Project.

#### **2. Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: The Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: The Government of the Republic of Vanuatu
- (c) Executing agency: Ministry of Infrastructure & Public Utilities (MIPU)
- (d) Scope of the Project (※ including phase ( I ))
  - 1) Civil Facility Wharf (including 200m × 20m wharf construction)

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- 2) Architectural Facility (container storage and handling facilities, warehouse building, workshop building, administration building, etc.)
  - 3) Cargo Handling Equipment
  - 4) CCTV System
  - 5) Communication System
  - 6) Fence
  - (e) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: Approx.4.6 billion Japanese Yen/ 4 billion Vatu
3. History of Japan's assistance for Port Projects in Vanuatu:
- 2008: The Project for Improvement of Port Vila Main Wharf  
(Approx. 1.7 billion Japanese Yen/ 1.5 billion Vatu)
  - 2012: Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development Project  
(Approx. 5 billion Japanese Yen/ 4.4 billion Vatu)

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