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Japan Provides Additional Funding to Bombua High School

The Government of Japan will provide additional funding worth US\$18,368 (2,046,300 VUV) to the Ministry of Education and Training for upgrading the school facilities of Bombua High School through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme.

H.E. Ms. KATSUMATA Harumi, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Vanuatu, and Hon. Seoule SIMEON, Minister for Education and Training, will sign the contract to formalize Japan's assistance at a signing ceremony that will be hosted by the **Ministry, at 11:00am on Friday, 18th September 2020.**

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and phone number: 3304633.

Details for the Project

- 1. Recipient:** Ministry of Education and Training
- 2. Grant Contract Signatory:** Hon. Seoule SIMEON, Minister for Education and Training
- 3. Project Details:**

The Government of Japan will provide funding towards Bombua High School for the replacement of construction materials and rain water harvest tank that were destroyed by the Category 5 Tropical Cyclone Harold which passed through Vanuatu in April this year.

This assistance will support the Ministry of Education and Training in ensuring the completion of the Japanese funded upgrades of school facilities, worth \$612,902USD, that was underway at Bombua High School when TC Harold hit the islands.

These upgrades initially funded in 2018, included the construction of two (2) Boarding facilities, two (2) ablution blocks, four (4) classrooms, and furniture for these buildings; four (4) 6,000 litre water harvest tanks and extension of the power grid.

Bombua High school is located 4km east of Santo Pekoa Airport on Santo Island. The school accepted 92 students and 8 teachers from Londua Technical College in Ambae in May 2018, which suffered from the eruption of the Mt. Manaro Volcano. At the time the school was using emergency tents as class rooms and boarding facilities; facing hygiene issues and lack of clean water. This assistance will ensure the educational and health standards for all the students. Additionally, these facilities will also strengthen the school to function as an evacuation centre during natural disasters.

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Vanuatu has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, agriculture and fisheries since 1996. To date, more than 129 projects, including 73 schools, have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amounts to an approximate value exceeding USD 10.3 million.

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