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Japan Hands Over New Classroom Block to Banban Primary School

The Government of Japan provided VT\$7,078,994 to Ministry of Education and Training for the construction of a 1*2 classroom building equipped with classroom furniture and two water tanks, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme.

H.E. Mr. CHIBA Hirohisa, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Vanuatu, will hand over the new facilities to the school at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 14 January 2021 at Banban Primary School, Banban, Santo.

1. Basic Information

- (a) Project title: The Project for Upgrading of Banban Primary School
- (b) Donor: Government of Japan
- (c) Recipient: Ministry of Education and Training
- (d) Total funding: VT7,078,994 (US\$84,504)

2. Project Outline

Banban Primary School was established in 1990. It is the only English primary school in the Banban area catering for more than 450 students. The rapid expansion of Luganville City had resulted in the increase in population of the suburb areas, placing much pressure on the public services including the education system. The Banban school management, in their best efforts to sustain the school and cater for the growing enrolment rates, sought assistance from the Government of Japan through the Ministry of Education for the construction of classrooms.

Aligning with the efforts of the Ministry and the School, the Government of Japan funded the construction of a fully furnished 1*2classroom block with two water tanks.

Not only has this assistance created a more conducive learning environment, it has also lifted the standard of the school buildings to cyclone-proof standards that was proven a safe haven to the families of the Banban community who took refuge at the school during the Tropical Cyclone Harold.

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 and transportation since 1996. To date, more than 130 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme, which amount to an approximate value of USD 10.3 million.

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Ms. Emily Dutt on email address: emily.dutt@fj.mofa.go.jp or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and phone number: (679) 3304633.

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