



Press Release

The Government of Japan Provided Grant Assistance to 2 Grass-roots Projects

November 5, 2013

On November 5, 2013, the Government of Japan held a signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan for Grant Contracts with 2 national NGOs. The Government of Japan provided over US\$240,000 dollars in total for the following 2 school building construction projects to meet basic human needs at the grass-roots level and contribute to local communities, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

[Project Name/Recipient/ Amount of Assistance]

1. The Project for the Construction of School Building of Manleuana Village Primary and Junior High school in Dili District/ Hamahon Foundation/ US\$ 121,000
2. The Project for the Construction of School Building of Primary and Junior High school in Debos Village, Suai Sub-district, Covalima District/ Hametin Lia Tatori (HLT)/ US\$ 121,625

By providing the financial cooperation to 2 school building construction projects, the Government of Japan aims to support the people of Timor-Leste to meet their prioritized development needs in a prompt and flexible manner. Since 2000, more than 79 projects have been implemented in all 13 districts of Timor-Leste, providing water supply systems, irrigation channels, constructing and rehabilitating school buildings and other important infrastructures for the local communities. Regarding the projects for the education sector, the Government of Japan implemented 16 projects in 5 districts. Adding new 2 projects marks 18th project under GGP project.

At the signing ceremony, the Grant Contracts were signed between H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste and representatives of the 2 recipient NGOs. H.E. Mr. Rui Hanjan, Advisor, Ministry of Education on behalf of Minister of Education and other distinguished guests attended this ceremony.

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