

Press Release

The Government of Japan Celebrated the Completion of the Construction of Irrigation Channel in Ainaro Sub-district, Ainaro District

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On 13 December, 2013, the Government of Japan and Juventude Esperance Ba Futuru (JEF), a national NGO, jointly held an inauguration ceremony of “*The Project for Construction of Irrigation Channel in Cassa Village, Ainaro Sub-district, Ainaro District*” in Cassa Village, Ainaro Sub-district, Ainaro District. H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste attended the inauguration ceremony. Distinguished guests and the people of the community celebrated the completion of the project.

The Government of Japan provided US\$122,951 for this project under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP). JEF had constructed 1.2km irrigation channel and an intake tank which contributes for eight agricultural cooperative groups including 120 farmers in Cassa Village, Ainaro Sub-district, Ainaro District. JEF had carried out this project starting from March 2013 in close cooperation with the community and the government officials concerned. When the agricultural cooperative groups maintain the irrigation channel and an intake tank, they are able to cultivate the rice and other cash crops all the year around.

Ambassador was delighted that this project is one of Japan’s tangible contributions to the important area of agriculture and rural development in Timor-Leste, as well as a symbol of the close friendship between the people of Japan and Timor-Leste. He expressed his hope that the new irrigation facility would benefit not only agricultural cooperative groups but also all villagers in the community.

On this occasion, Ambassador expressed his heartfelt gratitude to JEF, the government officials concerned and all the people in the community for their tireless and concerted efforts to accomplish this project.



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