

Brief remarks by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste of Japan at the inauguration ceremony of the Installation of Water Supply System in Batara Village, Laclubar Sub-district, Manatutu District

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Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today to celebrate the completion of “*The Project for the Installation of Water Supply System in Batara Village, Laclubar Sub-district, Manatutu District*”.

Since 2000, the Government of Japan has listened to the voice of the people of Timor-Leste in rural areas and deepened our understanding of the customs and livelihood. I am very glad to extend our cooperation in Laclubar, Suco Batara for the benefit of all villagers with facility of water supply.

With the grant, 7 kilometers of water pipeline have been laid down by National Union Center of Technical Development for Timor-Leste (CUNTD) from the water source at the top of mountain to the community. Now, 18 water taps in the community provide safe and clean water for the people of Batara Villages. Villagers, especially women and children will no longer need to walk a long distance to carry heavy water tanks every day. We are very glad this project has a direct and significant impact on the improvement of the sanitary conditions and the livelihood of over 960 people in this community. We hope that water supply system will be used for a long time with proper maintenance by the community yourself and remembered as a symbol of friendship between our people of Japan and Timor-Leste.

To conclude, I hope our close cooperation and friendship will further be strengthened.

Thank you very much.

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