



Press Release

March 7, 2014

The Government of Japan Provided Grant Assistance for 2 Grass-roots Projects implement by 2 national NGOs

On March 7, 2014, the Government of Japan held a signing ceremony for Grant Contracts with two national NGOs at the Embassy of Japan. The Government of Japan provided US\$ 242,000 in total to meet basic human needs at grass-roots level and contribute to local communities. Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) were provided to two national NGOs and the Grant Contracts were signed between Mr. Toshihide Kawasaki, Charge d'affaires ad interim and the representatives of the 2 recipient NGOs. H.E. Mrs. Dulce Soares, Vice Minister of Basic/Primary Education, and Mr. Martinho Laurentino Soares, National Director of Irrigation, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and other authorities attended as witnesses.

[Project Name/ Recipient/ Amount of assistance]

1. The Project for Extension of Irrigation Channel in Usi-Tacae Village, Oesilo Sub-district, Oecusse District/ Asociacao Leno ba Atoni Oe-cusse (ALEBAO)/ /Association of Given Lights to People in Oecusse / US\$ 121,000
2. The Project for Renovation of Junior High School in Fuiloro Village, Lospalos Sub-district, Lautem District/ Amor Foundation/ US\$ 121,000

By implementing GGP, the Government of Japan aims to assist NGOs and local public authorities to meet various development needs in a prompt and flexible manner, such as providing water supply systems, irrigation channels, constructing and rehabilitating school buildings and other important infrastructure for the local communities especially in rural areas. By adding the above 2 projects, it will be the remarkable 50th projects of GGP that have been implemented in all 13 districts of Timor-Leste since 2007.

The Government of Japan has 'Country Assistance Policy' for Timor-Leste which targets the three elements, as "Establishing Foundation for Promoting Economic Activities", "Agriculture and Rural Development" and "Capacity Development of Government and Public Sector" which aligns with the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) of the Government of Timor-Leste.

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<Photos in Sign Ceremony>



Association of Given Lights to
People in Oecusse (ALEBAO)

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