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The Government of Japan Celebrated the Completion of the Installation of Water Supply System in Baboe Craic Village, Atsabe Sub-district, Ermera District

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On 16 June, 2014, the Government of Japan jointly held an inauguration ceremony of “*The Project for the Rehabilitation of Water Supply System in Baboe Craic Village, Atsabe Sub-district, Ermera District*” with Tuna Mutin Foundation, a national NGO. The ceremony was attended by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Fernando La Sama de Araújo, Vice Prime Minister of RDTL, H.E. Mr. Elias Pereira Moniz, Secretary of State for Water, Sanitation and Urban Development, and the local government authorities and the people of the communities.

The Government of Japan provided US\$115,939 for this project under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme. This is the second time for the Government of Japan to implement water supply systems through GGP in Ermera District. The Government of Japan started the cooperation in grass-roots level under GGP scheme since 2000. Over 80 projects have been launched in all 13 districts of Timor-Leste, such as providing water supply systems, irrigation channels, constructing and rehabilitating school buildings and other important infrastructure for the local communities.

With this grant signed on 23rd October 2013, Tuna Mutin Foundation constructed a water supply system totally 8.5 kilometers of water pipeline from the water source with 25 public water taps including 8 rehabilitated, which provides safe and clean water for over 1,400 Baboe Craic villagers.

This project was carried out by Tuna Mutin Foundation in close cooperation with the community and the government authorities. Ambassador Hanada delighted that this project will directly contribute to the improvement of sanitary conditions and the livelihood of the people in the community.

On this occasion, Ambassador Hanada expressed his hope that the water supply system will be used for a long time with proper maintenance by the community, and the close cooperation and friendship between Japan and Timor-Leste will further be strengthened.

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