

**Brief Remarks by Counsellor Mr. Toshihide KAWASAKI,
for the inauguration ceremony at Leolima Village, Balibo
Sub-district, Bobonaro District**

26th June, 2014

(Names of main attendees)

Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today with you and to attend this inauguration ceremony of the water supply system in Leolima Village, Balibo Sub-district, Bobonaro District as a representative of the Government of Japan.

This water system was implemented through the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects, under the project “*Bobonaro WASH (ウオッシュユ) Improvement through Community Empowerment Project*” by World Vision Japan, which has started in March 2013. We supported this project because we affirmed that this project could contribute to improving life and health of the people in the community as well as to reducing burdens of women and children to carry water.

The Government of Japan, throughout this decade, has paid close attention to the difficulties of the people who live in rural areas for their basic infrastructure, especially access to safe and clean water. We will continue to implement our projects both in urban and rural areas for the benefit of all the people in Timor-Leste so that we can together engage in self-reliant and sustainable development.

I am very happy to hear that World Vision Japan has been working very hard for the people of Balibo, Atabae and Lolotoe Sub-districts, with good collaborations with both local authorities and communities to launch this project together. I hope that this water supply system will benefit the communities for a long time with proper maintenance by the community yourself, and be remembered as one of a symbol of friendship between our people of Japan and Timor-Leste.

The Government and people of Japan will continue sincerely to respond to the request and expectation of the people of Timor-Leste, and do our best to work together with heart to heart, and hand in hand with you for your brighter future as well as for the development of Timor-Leste.

Thank you very much.

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