

Joint Press Release

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The Government of Japan and NGO SHARE signed a Grant Contract for a Health Education Promotion Project in Dili

On December 20, the Government of Japan and SHARE, a Japanese NGO, signed a grant contract at a signing ceremony held at the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste for the project named “*The School Health Promotion Project in the Elementary Education in the District of Dili*”. The ceremony was attended by H.E. Mr. Hiroshi MINAMI Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, Ms. Yuu Yoshimori, Country Representative of SHARE, and Director Generals from both the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of Health. The project aims to establish a model for school health program in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and Culture. The Government of Japan has supported the three-year project since 2015 and continues to support until its termination in December 2018.

SHARE has been contributing to healthy living condition of the people in the world specially in the Asian region. Its support to Timor-Leste launched in 1999 in the form of emergency assistance, and its activities included to Primary Health Care and Empowerment of Health Volunteers in close cooperation with both the Government of Timor-Leste and local communities. The priority of SHARE’s mission has been on school health promotion activity since 2009. Under the current project, SHARE aims at establishing a long-lived model of school health program which can be transferable to the other municipalities.

On the occasion of the ceremony, H.E. Mr. Hiroshi MINAMI has remarked important potential of the project which can alleviate child malnutrition in Timor-Leste by raising awareness of children through school health program. He also stated his expectation that the project would have a continuous commitment from key ministries, the Ministry of Education and Culture, and the Ministry of Health for better health of children.

Ms. Yuu YOSHIMORI highlighted “Our project has received support from the Government of Japan, and we would like to appreciate their continuous support. Today we would very much like to express our determined effort to continue to work hard with the partners for better life for Timor-Leste’s people, and we hope two Ministries could put together the budget for the program in order to accelerate the expansion of the program to all other Municipalities, and so that, in the end, students and the communities in other Municipalities can gain necessary knowledge and skills to effectively and efficiently prevent basic diseases.”

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