

## **Press Release**



## Japan Constructs Improved Education Facility for Children in Bobonaro

## 18 March, 2025

On March 18, 2025, a signing ceremony for a grant contract for the Project for the Construction of Lour School Building in Lour Village, Bobonaro Municipality was held at the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste. The assistance will be provided through Japan's development assistance scheme "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)."

The contract was signed between H.E. Mr. KIMURA Tetsuya, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, and the representative of local NGO, Youth Innovation Association, the implementor of the project. Mr. Apolinario Serpa Rosa, Director General of Ministry of Education, Mr. Alexandre Pires, President of the Municipal Authority of Bobonaro and the community leaders attended the ceremony.

Youth Innovation Association will construct a school building in Lour Village, Bobonaro Municipality with a funding amount of USD 143,000 from the Government of Japan.

Ambassador Kimura stated that "Education is a priority in the development of Timor-Leste, and Japan recognizes the importance of delivering quality education to all, including in rural areas. I hope that each of those involved in the construction will keep up the good work to complete this project with success. I look forward to seeing all of you again and the people of the project site at the handover ceremony to celebrate the completion of the project."

The Government of Japan has been actively implementing a wide range of projects in Timor-Leste, from large-scale infrastructure development to smaller-scale projects that directly benefit local communities.

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