



Press Release

Ambassador of Japan celebrated the inauguration of EBCC Nossa Senhora Aitara school building in Manlala Village, Soibada Administrative Post, Manatuto Municipality

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On April 2nd, 2025, Mr. Tetsuya KIMURA, Ambassador of Japan, attended the inauguration ceremony for the new school building at EBCC Nossa Senhora Aitara school in Manlala Village, Soibada Administrative Post, Manatuto Municipality.

The ceremony was hosted by Leobalu Foundation, the local NGO that implemented the project. H.E. President Ramos-Horta, Mr. Luis Inacio Henriques Fernandes, President Authority of Manatuto Municipality, local government officials of relevant authorities, teachers and students joined Ambassador Kimura in the ceremony.

Ambassador Kimura stated, “I am delighted to celebrate the completion of the new school building in Manatuto Municipality with H.E. President Ramos-Horta and the community members including those who will utilize this school. I sincerely hope that this school will become a place of dreams and aspirations for students, empowering them to take their first steps towards their bright future. We look forward to working together with all of you to support the students and the community in the years to come.”

For this project, the Government of Japan provided USD \$ 92,590 through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme. Through this project, a new school building with three classrooms and one teacher’s room was constructed, benefiting 102 students and 13 teachers at Nossa Senhora Aitara school.

Since the first project was launched in 2000, 141 projects have been implemented under the GGP scheme in all 13 municipalities of Timor-Leste. The projects mainly provide assistance to community infrastructure, including construction and rehabilitation of school facilities, public clinics, and water supply systems, addressing various basic human needs at the grassroots level.

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