

Press Release



## <u>Ambassador of Japan celebrated the inauguration of Senior High School of</u> <u>Saint Francis of Assisi in Manufahi Municipality</u>

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On June 27, 2025, Mr. Tetsuya KIMURA, Ambassador of Japan, attended the inauguration ceremony for Senior High School of Saint Francis of Assisi in Manufahi Municipality.

The ceremony was hosted by Saint Francis of Assisi Foundation, the local NGO that implemented the project. local government officials of relevant authorities, teachers and students joined Ambassador Kimura in the ceremony.

Ambassador Kimura stated, "This new school building for the Senior High School of Saint Francis of Assisi marks an important step in the development of secondary education in the region. I sincerely hope it will serve not only as a center of learning, but also as a place where young people nurture their dreams and aspirations, taking confident steps toward a brighter future."

For this project, the Government of Japan provided USD \$ 72,992 through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme. Through this project, a new school building with three classrooms, two teacher's rooms and three toilets was constructed, benefiting 719 students and 22 teachers at Senior High School of Saint Francis of Assisi.

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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