

Brief remarks by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste at the inauguration ceremony of the Installation of Water Supply System in Pairara Village Lautem Sub-district, Lautem District

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H.E. Mr. Fernando Lasama de Araujo, Vice-Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste,
H.E. Mr. Elias Moniz, Secretary of State for Water, Sanitation and Urbanization Development,

Ladies and gentlemen,
Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today to celebrate the completion of water supply system installation in Pairara Village. Thank you very much for inviting me to this very important ceremony.

The Government of Japan has been implementing grass-roots cooperation projects to meet various community needs in Timor-Leste since its independence. This scheme aims to respond to the community's development needs in a prompt and complete manner. From this perspective, this water supply system project completed today, will contribute all members of the community to improve their sanitary and hygienic environment and enhance their livelihoods. I hope this water supply project leads all people in Pairara Village into making their own bright future.

I sincerely expect that this water supply system will contribute significantly in improving the livelihoods of the community, since people in Pairara Village has been learning about the importance of maintaining their own health condition and how to keep sound sanitary environment from a Japanese NGO, AFMET. AFMET implemented capacity-building program in this village for health promoters and carried out public awareness programs in regard to sanitation and hygiene for more than a decade.

Today, I am delighted to see that this newly constructed water supply

system is going to ensure easy access to clean and safe water without difficulty to the community. I sincerely hope that the synergy created by Masino Foundation and AFMET will bear fruit and thus further strengthen our close cooperation between people of Timor-Leste and Japan.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Masino Foundation and Universal Machine Constructor for their dedication and tireless efforts in implementing this project. Without your efforts, the project would not have been made possible. I am delighted to be here today and to share your accomplishment and joy.

Thank you very much.

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