

## Press Release

### **The Government of Japan Celebrated the Completion of the Installation of Water Supply System in Batara Village, Laclubar Sub-district, Manatutu District**

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On 17 January, 2014, the Government of Japan jointly held an inauguration ceremony of “*The Project for the Installation of Water Supply System in Batara Village, Laclubar Sub-district, Manatutu District*” with National Union Center of Technical Development for Timor-Leste (CUNTDTL), a national NGO. The ceremony was attended by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, Mr. Joao Jeronimo Pereira, General Director Secretary of State for Water, Sanitation, and Urbanization, Mr. Albertino de Araujo, Director of CUNTDTL, the local government authorities and the people of the community.

The Government of Japan provided US\$108,528 for this project under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme. This is the first time for the Government of Japan to implement GGP project in Manatutu District since 2000 when the Government of Japan started the economic cooperation in grass-roots level under GGP scheme in Timor-Leste. This project is Japan’s 16<sup>th</sup> water supply related project in Timor-Leste.

With this grant signed on March 2013, CUNTDTL constructed a water supply system laying 7 kilometers of water pipeline from the water source at the top of mountain down to the community, which now provides safe and clean water for over 960 Batara villagers.

This project was carried out by CUNTDTL in close cooperation with the community and the government authorities. Ambassador Hanada delighted that this project will directly and greatly contribute to the improvement of sanitary conditions and the livelihood of the people in the community, and hoped that the water supply system will be used for a long time with proper maintenance by the community.

On this occasion, Ambassador Hanada expressed his hope that the close cooperation and friendship between Japan and Timor-Leste will further be strengthened.



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