

**Brief remarks by Mr. Toshihide Kawasaki on behalf of Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste at the inauguration ceremony of Installation of Water Supply System in Dato Foho Village, Liquiça Sub- district, Liquiça District**

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Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today to celebrate the completion of *“The Project for Installation of Water Supply System in Dato Foho Village, Liquiça Sub- district, Liquiça District”*.

Since 2000, the Government of Japan has listened to the voice of the people of Timor-Leste in rural areas and deepened our understanding of the customs and livelihood through Grant Assistant for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP), while it is second time for us to cooperate with Aplimentec Foundation through implementation of GGP project. I am heartily glad to share my joyfulness with all of you in this memorable inauguration ceremony.

With the grant, 8 kilometers of water pipeline have been laid down by Aplimentec Foundation from the water source at the top of mountain to the community. Now, 14 water taps including 2 taps for public toilets, 1 for the clinic and 1 for the elementary school in the community provide safe and clean water for the people of Dato-Foho Villages. Villagers, especially women and children will no longer need to walk a long distance to carry heavy water tanks every day. We are very glad this project has a direct and significant impact on the improvement of the sanitary conditions and the livelihood of over 1,528 people in this community. We hope that water supply system will be used for a long time with proper maintenance by the community yourself and remembered as a symbol of friendship between our people of Japan and Timor-Leste.

On this occasion, let me express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Francelino de Jesus, Director of Aplimentec Foundation to accomplish this project. To conclude, I hope our close cooperation and friendship will further be strengthened.

Thank you very much.

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