

**Brief Remarks by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka HANADA, Ambassador of  
Japan, at Inauguration of the Solar Panel Pump Water System in  
Oesilo, Oecusse District**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning /Good afternoon,

It is my great pleasure to be here today to celebrate the completion of “*the Project for the Installation of Solar Panel Pump Water System in Oesilo, Oecusse District*”. I am also very happy that the Government of Japan has had an opportunity to contribute to this important project since rural development is one of the priority areas of Japanese assistance to Timor-Leste. To support the project, the Government of Japan provided the national NGO Y-ACT with US\$97,000 under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

With the Japanese grant, NGO Y-ACT has constructed the solar panel pump system at Oenoa Sub-village, Bobometo Village. The people of Oenoa Sub-village and Oebaha Sub-village have long dreamed of having access to clean and safe water and getting freed from the water-related diseases. Especially in the dry season, they have had to walk to the water source very far away from the community. This project is expected to provide sufficient clean water for Oenoa Sub-village and Oebaha Sub-village and to prevent the water -related diseases. It will also help the community people to be released from the heavy burden of collecting water.

Timor-Leste’s Strategic Development Plan sets out agenda saying that “*by 2030, all citizens in Timor-Leste will have access to clean water and improved sanitation.*” Toward achieving this goal, I request all villagers here to make a tireless effort to use properly and keep the facility maintained well for a long time as your own. Such sustained efforts by the whole communities will help Timor-Leste to achieve the goal of the SDP.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and respect to the NGO’s members, the government officials concerned and community

people for the concerted efforts to have made their project a reality. As the year 2012 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic relations between our two countries, I hope that this project will serve well the basic needs of the community and further strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two peoples for another 10 years.

Thank you very much

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