

Signing Ceremony of The Project for the Repair and Upgrade of the Aitutaki Community Water Tanks

On 15 February, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Repair and Upgrade of the Aitutaki Community Water Tanks was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by Ambassador Toshihisa Takata and Mayor Mr Bishop at the Aitutaki Island Council Chambers. The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$157,181 to repair 10 water tanks in 6 villages and construct two water buildings in Arutanga and Nikaupara villages.

Ambassador Takata congratulated the Aitutaki Island government on the successful conclusion of their project proposal and hoped that the water tank upgrade would significantly benefit the 2000 local residents. Once water storage capacity improves, this will also make it possible to better respond to fires during dry seasons.

