

Signing Ceremony of The Project for the Repair and Upgrade of the Takitumu School

On 16 February, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Repair and Upgrade of the Takitumu School was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by Ambassador Toshihisa Takata and Ms Karen Ngamata, Chairperson of the School Committee.

The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$35,750 to lay new floor tiles in 5 classrooms, the library and 2 other rooms to be used as a new classroom and preschool.

Ambassador Takata expressed his congratulations and believed that these floors, once newly refurbished, would improve the school's learning environment, and that children would find it comfortable to sit on them to do many activities. The signing ceremony began with students' singing to welcome Ambassador Takata and before closing his address, Ambassador wished the project would not only contribute to improving Takitumu School but would also create an additional symbol of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Japan and the Cook Islands.

