## 平成28年度対クック草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力「タキツム小学校 整備計画」の引渡式

9月27日、クック諸島ラロトンガ島にて、平成28年度対クック草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力「タキツム小学校整備計画」の引渡式が行われました。同計画のために、日本は約3.6万NZドルを支援しました(詳細は別添プレスリリース参照)。タキツム小学校副校長から、日本の支援のおかけで、同小学校及び幼稚園の教室の床を張替えて安全かつ清潔な学習環境が確保され、日本政府及び国民に対して感謝する旨の言葉がありました。

また、同日、同島にて、平成28年度対クック草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力「ラロトンガ在住プカプカ島 民に対する食糧安全保障及び漁業研修のための漁船整備」の引渡式が行われました。同整備のために、日本は約1 1.2万NZドルを支援しました(下記に英文詳細)。ラザロ国会議員やアンジーン国会議員、ポニア海洋資源省 次官らが出席し、ビアー漁業組合会長から、日本から供与された漁船及び機材は地元住民にとってこの上ない支援 であり、日本政府及び国民に対して感謝する旨の言葉がありました。

## タキツム小学校整備計画:



ラロトンガ在住プカプカ島民に対する食糧安全保障及び漁業研修のための漁船整備:





## Handing-over Ceremony of THE PROJECT FOR THE REPAIR AND UPGRADE OF THE TAKITUMU SCHOOL and THE PROCUREMENT OF A FISHING VESSEL TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND FISHING SKILLS FOR PUKAPUKA ISLANDERS IN RAROTONGA under JAPAN'S GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASS-ROOTS HUMAN SECURITY PROJECT

## Rarotonga

Two (2) handing-over ceremonies were held as follows:

- On 26 September 2017, Repairs and Upgrades of Takitumu School was handed over to the Takitumu School Committee: The project for the repair and upgrade of the Takitumu school received a grant of up to thirty five thousand seven hundred and fifty (NZ\$ 35,750) New Zealand dollars in fiscal year 2016 under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). This project saw new floor tiles laid in five (5) classrooms, the library, and two (2) other rooms to be used as a new classroom and preschool. The project aims to improve the school's learning environment through the refurbished floors that are safe, clean and comfortable for the children to sit on to do many activities. This is the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) GGP project in the Cook Islands since GGP was introduced in the Cook Islands in 2011.
- On 27 September 2017, A fishing vessel including fishing gear together with a freezer, solar system, ice machine and water tank were handed over to the Pue Fishing Association (PFA): The project for the Procurement of a Fishing Vessel to Improve Food Security and Fishing Skills for Pukapuka Islanders in Rarotonga received a grant of up to one hundred twelve thousand and fifty-four (NZ\$ 112,054) New Zealand dollars in fiscal year 2016 under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). This project saw the procurement of a fishing vessel including fishing gear along with the installation of a freezer, solar system, ice machine and water tank at the headquarters of the PFA. Another significant objective of the project is upskilling sustainable fishing methods and technology through developing and transferring fishing skills to young and women fishers, by providing practical training and hands on fishing experience at sea. This is the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) GGP project in the Cook Islands since GGP was introduced in the Cook Islands in 2011.

Ambassador Toshihisa Takata extended his congratulations on the completion of these projects and expressed his appreciation to both the Takitumu School Committee and the Pue Fishing Association for assisting the well-being of their local people and community and for all the hard and tireless work of all those involved in the projects' successful completion. Through their ongoing due care and maintenance, Ambassador Takata believed that they will create additional symbols of the friendship and cooperation between Japan and the Cook Islands