

Signing Ceremony of The Project for the Construction of the Araura Primary School Multipurpose Hall and Cyclone Shelter

On 24 February (local time), in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, Mr Tekura Bishop, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Construction of the Araura Primary School Multipurpose Hall and Cyclone Shelter was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by Minister Kazuhiro Nakai of the Embassy of Japan to the Cook Islands and Mr Enea Manavaikai, Chairman of the Araura Primary School Board.

The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$114,130 to construct a safe and durable multipurpose hall in the grounds of Araura Primary School. The hall can be also used as an emergency shelter in time of cyclones or any other natural disasters.

Minister Nakai expressed his congratulations and believed that the multipurpose hall and cyclone shelter, once newly constructed, would be used for music and dancing lessons, or school ceremonies for such as entrance and graduation. It can be also used for an emergency shelter in time of cyclones or any other national disasters. Minister noted that the continuous efforts made by Araura Primary School symbolise the friendship between the peoples between the peoples of Japan and the Cook Islands.

