

Handing Over Ceremony of **The Project for the Improvement of the Te Kaiga Mental Health Respite** **Centre in Aitutaki**

On 24 February (local time), in the presence of His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Tekura Bishop, The Improved Te Kaiga Mental Health Respite Centre in Aitutaki was officially handed over to Te Kaiga O Pa Taunga Mental Health and Wellbeing Centre, which received a grant of NZ\$ 113,000 under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Minister Kazuhiro Nakai, from the Embassy of Japan extended his congratulations on the successful completion of the project and sincerely hoped that this project would secure a therapeutic and nursing environment for clients who have difficulties getting medical care in Aitutaki. He noted that the continuous effort made by Te Kaiga O Pa Taunga Mental Health and Wellbeing Centre symbolized the friendship between the people of Japan and the Cook Islands.

This project is the 12th Project since Japan launched the GGP in the Cook Islands in 2011 and the 3rd one in Aitutaki.

