

**Signing Ceremony for the Grant Contract for the
Project for the Establishment of Water Tanks in Mitiaro Island
Under
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)
At Rarotonga, The Cook Islands**

On 25 February 2019, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Establishment of Water Tanks in Mitiaro Island was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) by Mr Katsuhide Ariyoshi, Minister/Deputy Head of Mission, the Embassy of Japan to the Cook Islands and Mr. Tuaine Ngametua, Mayor of Mitiaro Island Government.

The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$ 115,500 and involves the construction of ten (10) concrete water tanks in eight (8) sites and the purchase of a mobile water tank for the transfer of water to remote areas as well as for fire emergencies in Mitiaro island. President of the House of Ariki, Tou Ariki, Mr John Webb, Honorary Consul General of Japan in the Cook Islands and other guests also attended the Ceremony. Mayor Ngametua expressed his sincere gratitude to the Japanese Government and people for funding to improve the water storage capacity in the Mitiaro community and assist in enhancing community resilience during periods of low rainfall, and by doing so mitigate the impact of climate change on the Cook Islands.



Minister Ariyoshi (left)

Mayor Ngametua (right)



Signing the Grant Contract



Members of the Mitiaro Water Tanks project ,
Minister Ariyoshi and Dr Tanaka from the
Embassy of Japan