

The Handing-over Ceremony of the Project for Establishment of Water Tanks in Mitiaro Island under Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in Rarotonga, the Cook Islands

On 26 February 2020, a handing over ceremony for constructing ten (10) concrete water tanks on eight (8) sites and a mobile water tank on wheels in Mitiaro island under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) was held in Rarotonga, the Cook Islands. About 20 people including Minister ARIYOSHI Katsuhide, Mr Travel Tou Ariki, president of the House of Ariki of the Cook Islands and High Chief of Mitiaro, His Worship Mr Tuaine Ngametua, Mayor, Mitiaro Island Government (tbc), and Mr Tou Man Unuia, Coordinator, Mitiaro Water Tank Project.

Mr Tou Ariki said that water has been a problem for many years in Mitiaro Island where people used to get drinking and domestic water from ground water, and these water tanks will benefit Mitiaro people greatly. He added that he was deeply grateful to the Government and people of Japan. Mayor Ngametua said that Mitiaro people used to have water restrictions during the dry season, but with these water tanks, they are able to have easy access to water resources and a pleasant life. He also added that he was deeply grateful to the Government and people of Japan. Mr Unuia explained about current sites of water tanks procurements in Mitiaro Island.



Minister Ariyoshi's speech



A gift from Mitiaro local people



New water tanks in Mitiaro Island

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