

**Speech by Mr OSAWA Makoto, Ambassador of Japan
on the occasion of
The Hand-over Ceremony for
The Roof Renovation of Imanuela Akatemia School under
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)
At Imanuela Akatemia School, Rarotonga**

Mokoroa-Kauvai Family,

Pastor Tevai Matapo, Co-founder of Imanuea Akatemia School,

Mr Owen Lewis, Secretary of Ministry of Education,

Ms Ingrid Kelly, Chairperson of Imanuela Akatemia School

Principal Pita Senibiakula, Ladies, Gentlemen, and students,

Kia orana, Tatou Katoatoa

I am delighted to be here today at Imanuela Akatemia School to handover the “Project for Roof Renovation of Imanuela Akatemia School” on behalf of the Government and people of Japan.

In this project, the Japanese Government provided a grant of one hundred fourteen-thousand one hundred and two New Zealand dollars (NZ\$114,102) through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots programme (or GGP for short), to fix the roof and improve the learning environment for the students of Imanuela Akatemia. With the installment of the new roof, I hope all the students can focus more in their studies and enjoy their school time even more.

In the end, I would like to congratulate everyone involved, especially Chairperson Ms Ingrid Kelly and the management board of Imanuela Akatemia School. We appreciate your dedication and cooperation to complete this project. I believe the successful completion is another symbol of our continued friendship and bilateral cooperation between Japan and the Cook Islands. I wish you all to be happier, and to like Japan even more, and to visit Japan in the near future.

Thank you very much and meitaki maata.

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