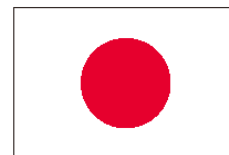


## **Japan Press Release**

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### **Japan Supports to construct a 5-Classroom Block in Katakwi District**

The Embassy of Japan will commission newly constructed 5-classroom block at Apuuton Primary School in Katakwi District on Thursday 19th December 2024. The project, formally titled “The Project for the Construction of a Classroom Block at Apuuton Primary School in Katakwi District”, began on February 20, 2024, with a grant of USD 69,336 from the Embassy of Japan, equating to over 256 million Ug. Shs.

The Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda, Mr. SASAYAMA Takuya will officiate the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

Apuuton Primary School, a government primary school established in 1939 with support missionary organizations, has been a cornerstone of education in the community for decades. However, as of 2023, the school faced urgent challenges in providing a conducive learning environment for its growing student population.

At the time of its application to the GGP in 2023, the school had only 13 classrooms to accommodate its growing student population. This led to severe overcrowding, with the number of pupils per classroom far exceeding the national standard of 53 students. As a result, the school was forced to restrict new admissions and, in some cases, hold lessons outdoors. Furthermore, five of the 13 classrooms, constructed in 1939, had deteriorated, posing additional challenges to both the quality of education and the safety of the learning environment.

In response to these pressing needs, the Embassy of Japan provided support for the construction of a new classroom block at Apuuton Primary School. This new facility includes 5 classrooms, equipped with 112 three-seater desks for pupils and 5 desks with chairs for teachers.

This upgrade has greatly improved the school’s capacity to offer quality education in a safer and more conducive environment, benefiting not only the pupils but the entire community as well.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-led development projects which uplift the life of people at the grassroots level. So far, a total of 291 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

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