

FIJI EMBASSY TOKYO

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SP4 PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: THE FIJI EMBASSY TOKYO, IN COLLABORATION WITH ASIA-PACIFIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, DONATED MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND LIBRARY BOOKS TO TWO REMOTE SCHOOLS IN FIJI



1. NAKAVIKA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Students of Nakavika Primary School



FS Savu handing over the donated books



Infront of the school library

On Thursday, 20 August 2020, FS Kelera Savu visited Nakavika Primary School, located in the rural area of Nakavika Village, Namosi Province, to handover the donated library books on behalf of the Fiji Embassy Tokyo (FET) and the Asia Pacific Ladies Friendship Society (ALFS), Japan. FS Savu was accompanied by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) officials, Manager Media Communications Ms. Anshoo Chandra, and CO Mr. Suneet Kumar.

The handover of the books was preceded by a welcome song from the students, followed by a welcoming remark delivered by the A/Head Teacher Ms. Seini Daroko, and a remark from FS Savu before handing over the books to the A/Head Teacher and School Manager Mr. Moses Vokula.

On behalf of the school and management, A/Head Teacher Daroko expressed their gratitude to the FET and ALFS for the support and assistance in donating the library books to Bainimarama Vatutoko, which would be an important part of their study lives every day. Established in 2003, the school comprises of 5 teachers and 71 students.

While handing over the donated books to the school, FS Savu stressed how delighted she is to present the 534 donated books to Nakavika Primary School. She emphasized that the books were funded by the ALFS Charity Bazaar proceeds, shared amongst its members for charitable assistance. This year, the library

NAKAVIKA



books donation to Nakavika in Namosi and Bainimarama Vatutoko in Nadroga-Navosa were the two chosen projects.

FS Savu also thanked the school for reaching out to the Embassy. She further informed that the donated books would undoubtedly open their imagination and allow them to acquire the needed reading skills, improve interaction and communications, and contribute to their success in school, home, and community. She further urged all to make good use of the books, continue reading and learn new things, and study hard.



FS Savu reading aloud to students

FS Savu further acknowledged the good work conducted by Madame Venina Mataitoga and FET PA, Ms. Sereana Tabuyaqona, and Fiji friends in Japan for their support and contribution in undertaking the outreach work they do to raise their part of the contribution. The ALFS Charity Bazaar is an annual event, and an avenue for FET to undertake public diplomacy and further expand its outreach activities.



Afternoon tea hosted by the school

The arrival of FS Savu, together with the two officials from MOFA Suva officials were warmly welcomed by the A/Head Teacher and School Manager. The party was ushered to the classrooms and school library. They were toured around the school compound and later hosted to an afternoon tea and kava ceremony.

2. BAINIMARAMA-VATUTOKO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Students of Bainimarama Vatutoko Primary School



FS Savu handing over the donated books

On Thursday, 27 August 2020, FS Kelera Savu visited Bainimarama Vatutoko Primary School located in the rural area of Nabuniyatu Village, Nadroga-Navosa Province, to handover the donated library books on behalf of the Fiji Embassy Tokyo (FET) and the Asia Pacific Ladies Friendship Society (ALFS), Japan. FS Savu was accompanied by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) officials, FSO Asia Bureau Mr. Ryneal Singh, and OA Mr. Sakeasi Masi.

The handover of the books was preceded by a welcome song from the students, followed by a welcoming remark delivered by the Head Teacher Mr. Vereni Kurivitu, and a remark from FS Savu before handing over the books to the Head Teacher, Mr. Vereni Kurivitu.

On behalf of the school and management, Head Teacher Kurivitu expressed their gratitude to the FET and ALFS for the support and assistance in donating the library books to Bainimarama Vatutoko, which would be valuable to their learning and studies. Established in 2007, the school comprises of 6 teachers and 94 students, of which 51 students live in the school dormitory.

While handing over the donated books to the school, FS Savu stressed how pleased she is to present the 520 donated books to Bainimarama Vatutoko. She emphasized that the books were funded by the ALFS Charity Bazaar proceeds, shared amongst its members for charitable assistance. This year, the library

BAINIMARAMA- VATUTOKO



Traditional kava ceremony hosted by the management

books donation to Nakavika in Namosi and Bainimarama Vatutoko in Nadroga-Navosa were the two chosen projects.

FS Savu also thanked the school for reaching out to the Embassy. She further informed that the donated books would undoubtedly open their imagination and allow them to acquire the needed reading skills, improve interaction and communications, and contribute to their success in school, home, and community. She further urged all to make good use of the books, continue reading and learn new things, and study hard.

FS Savu further acknowledged the good work conducted by Madame Venina Mataitoga and FET PA, Ms. Sereana Tabuyaqona, and Fiji friends in Japan for their support and contribution in undertaking the outreach work they do to raise their part of the contribution. The ALFS Charity Bazaar is an annual event, and an avenue for FET to undertake public diplomacy and further expand its outreach activities.

FSO Ryneal also said a few words by sharing his experience that promises to help students improve their study abilities.

The arrival of FS Savu together with the two officials from MOFA Suva officials were warmly welcomed by the Head Teacher. The team was ushered to the classrooms, including the school kindergarten classroom. They were toured around the school compound and later hosted to a light lunch and kava ceremony.

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