

## FIJI EMBASSY TOKYO

### **About 7 million Japanese Yen Raised for TC Yasa Relief Appeal by Fiji Embassy Japan**

The Fiji Embassy Tokyo [FET] Natural Disaster Relief Appeal Fund has reached the milestone of raising **JPY7,006,351** for the victims of Tropical Cyclone Yasa [TC Yasa]. TC Yasa, a category five storm cyclone, which hit Fiji on 17 December 2020, was the strongest storm in the basin since TC Winston in 2016 and the strongest in the cyclone season 2020-21. Despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, some still contributed generously, and this approx. **FJ\$134,000** is by far the second-largest contribution to the FET Natural Disaster Relief Appeal Fund contributed. For TC Winston, FET raised **JPY13,091,455**.



*Friends of Fiji in Oita*

*Photo: At a Fijian Made Product Promotion & Fiji Rum Night in Oita, 29 April 2017*

HE Mr. Isikeli Mataitoga, Ambassador, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Fiji to Japan, in acknowledging the amount raised, said today that the act of humanitarian support received from all those that contributed is exceptional and is much appreciated by the people and Government of Fiji. He further added that the

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contribution raised would be utilised in the relief and rehabilitation of the cyclone victims who desperately and badly needed our support.

A special VINAKA VAKALEVU to all the local communities, friends of Fiji, Honorary Consuls and their support groups, visitors to Fiji, who contributed generously in response to the Fiji Embassy request for donations. The support of the Japanese people is greatly appreciated. It is important for Fiji to know and appreciate this selfless act of solidarity and love of mankind.

Ambassador Mataitoga thanked them for their goodwill to bring help and hope to so many Fijians who became homeless, impoverished and lost loved ones in the horrendous aftermath of TC Yasa.

Today, the Fiji Embassy Tokyo sent the amount raised to the bank account designated by the Ministry of Economy Fiji. The FET Natural Disaster Relief Appeal Fund was open for four months; with the FET coordinated TC Yasa Appeal efforts saw donations from Prefectural/City Governments, businesses, NGOs, Fijian community, individuals, and people from all walks of life.

The Embassy also wishes to acknowledge the work undertaken by our Honorary Consulates in the five consular districts in Japan, Yokohama (Kanto), Beppu (Kyushu-Okinawa), Ebetsu (Hokkaido), Akita (Tohoku), and Osaka (Kansai) – for expanding the FET-TC Yasa Relief Appeal outreach in their respective jurisdictions.

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**Fiji Embassy Tokyo**

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