

# 450 bags of rice make Tannese smile again

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**JAPAN VANUATU Goodwill Society** has donated 450 25-kilo bags of rice to the cyclone victims of South East Tanna for which Chief Ben Kamisak of the area affected wishes to

thank Hiro Osuka (General Manager of Melanesian Hotel), the representative of the organisation with the words “thank you asori”. Chief Kamisak says they turned to the organisation for food assistance and the

Japanese goodwill organisation stepped in with the 450 bags of rice. Osuka personally went to South East Tanna to witness the distribution of the rice to the people. “As the chiefs’ representative

present today, on behalf of the chiefs I wish to thank the Japanese NGO for willingly stepping in to help us in our hour of need”, he says. Osuka says he was representing over 400 Japanese who contributed over Vt1

million towards the bags of rice. Asked how he was treated in Tanna, he replies, “I met all the chiefs of South East Tanna and as is the traditional way of showing how grateful they were, they presented me with mats and chickens and kava to

say thank you for our donation. “I was also very happy to see them receive the food because that was what the donation was for. Now I can tell the donors that their contributions have made the people of South East Tanna smile again.”



Osuka personally helping to distribute rice



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