Japan Non-Profit Organisation donates 3,000 iron roofing sheets to Vanuatu

PRIME MINISTER, JOE NATUMAN, MADE an appeal for tents and tarpaulins, temporary shelter relief measures for thousands of ni-Vanuatu who lost their homes and roofs, including schools and Government offices in cyclone Pam.

But the Japan Vanuatu Goodwill Society Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) has given permanent relief in the form of iron roofing.

Tuesday afternoon saw the donation of corrugated iron sheets to Vanuatu by Mr. Hiro Osuka, General Manager of The Melanesian hotel to Minister of

Education, Bob Loughman.
"The Vanuatu Goodwill Society has collected funds from friends in Japan," explained Mr. Osuka.

"Over 400 people donated their money and the fund goes towards the purchase of materials, in particular iron roofing.

"There are 3,000 iron roofing naterials in total."

In response Minister Loughman acknowledged the support to assist the schools in Vanuatu.

"I thank you and each and every one of our friends in Japan for their generosity," said the minister.

"These will assist the schools in Vanuatu to recover as we embark on our reconstruction plans, especially all school facilities back to normalcy.

"The current and future donations will be appreciated as we continue to rebuild.

"I thank the Government of Japan for supporting Vanuatu through the recovery period and now moving into the reconstruction phase."

In response to Osuka's question as to the date of the distribution of the materials to schools in the interests of the donors, the minister replied that a list will be made available.

"Be assured that these materials will be utilised for the purpose they were intended for," he said.

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"I also requested the Director of Education Services to provide photographs of the materials being delivered to individual schools who are recipient of this donation, together with the list.

"These will be made available to you and through you, to convey to the 400 members in Japan who have donated."

The NPO Japan Vanuatu Goodwill Society chairman is Mr. Alan. Osuka.

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Japan's generosity continues, pictured is Minister Loughman acknowledging the recent donation of iron roofing from Mr. Osuka, Tuesday afternoon.