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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Substation and Solar Project officially opened**

The new Salelologa Substation and Samoa’s first Grid Connected Solar Project, were officially opened on Friday 11 April 2014 at Savaii.

The Salelologa Substation is part of the Samoa Power Sector Expansion Project, funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), AusAid and Government of Samoa.

The Solar Photovoltaic project is financed with USD4 million grant from the Japanese Government under the auspices of the Pacific Environment Community (PEC) Fund through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, producing a total capacity of 546kWp from three different locations at (i) Salelologa – 150 kWp, (ii) Tanugamanono – 150kWp and (iii) Vaitele – 246kWp.

Prime Minister, Hon Tuilaepa Lufesolai Sailele Malielegaoi delivered the keynote address, followed by the cutting of ribbons by the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Tuiloma Neroni Slade, and Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Hon. Manu’alesagalala Enokati Posala.

Special guests that attended the ceremony, included the donors, Cabinet and Members of Parliament, representatives of Government Ministries and Corporations, and companies who have contributed to making these subprojects a success.

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