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## **Japan Hands Over Fully Equipped Ambulance to Tungaru Central Hospital**

The Government of Japan provided AU\$64,000 to Ministry of Health and Medical Services for the provision of an ambulance under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The First Secretary and Head of the Development Cooperation Division at the Embassy of Japan Mr. Genta Yamada will hand over the new ambulance **at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 February 2019 at Tungaru Central Hospital.**

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: [peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and phone number: 3304633.

### Details for the Project for Provision of Ambulance to Tungaru Central Hospital

#### **1. Basis for Implementing the Project**

The new fully equipped ambulance will be a welcomed addition to the current fleet of ambulances stationed at Tungaru Central Hospital which is the main hospital in Tarawa and receives referrals from sub-division hospitals and health centres. There were only two ambulances that services 56,324 (2015 Census) residents of South Tarawa. On average, calls received through the Emergency/Outpatient Department range from 10-15 in a day. The new ambulance will provide timely and efficient medical services and improve emergency response to those who require immediate medical assistance by providing a safe and reliable transport to medical facilities.

#### **Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Ministry of Health and Medical Services
- (c) Total funding: AU \$64,000

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 1995. To date, 61 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 4 million.

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