
**Speech by H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan, at the Signing and
Exchange of Notes for the Grant Aid for Procurement of Japanese Medical
Equipment for the Republic of Nauru**

11.00am, 21 September 2016, Embassy of Japan Conference Room

Her Excellency, Ms. Kim Aroi, High Commissioner of the
Republic of Nauru,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Omo Yoran, Good Morning and Ohayo Gozaimasu.

I extend a warm welcome to you all. Today we have gathered here for the signing and exchange of notes formalizing Japan's Grant Aid under its Economic and Social Development Programme for procurement of Japanese medical equipment by the Republic of Nauru Hospital.

May I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to Your Excellency Ms. Kim Aroi on being appointed the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Nauru. I look forward to working closely with Your Excellency towards building yet stronger relations between our two countries.

I am pleased to say that through this Grant Aid, the government of Japan will be providing 200 Million Yen, approximately 2.5 Million Australian Dollars to the Government of Nauru. This funding will be used to purchase medical equipment and machinery, including some with specialised technology from Japan.

Japan's cooperation to Nauru is in harmonization with the Nauru Sustainable Development Strategies or the NSDS. This Grant Aid to Nauru is also aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3, which is promoting 'Good Health and Well Being'. Japan's 'Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy', launched in May 2013, will support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly on global health. This is aimed at strengthening Japan's contribution towards Universal Health Coverage, under which every person can receive basic health and medical services.

I also wish to highlight that Japan has established a unique position to make contributions in global health. In the Japanese society people enjoy good health and longevity of life. Japan has maintained universal health care for more than 50 years. We are succeeding in the treatment and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

This is why it is encouraging to see that in line with such commitments and objectives, today we are able to deliver practical results for the benefit of the people of Nauru, through formalization of this Grant Aid.

Over the years, Japan has been providing continued assistance to Nauru. Currently, under our Non-Project Grant Aid, the ‘Grant Aid for Providing Fisheries Equipment’ as well as the ‘Grant Aid for Providing a Sea Mule’ to Nauru are already formalized and in the procurement phase. I look forward to visiting Nauru in 2017, for handing over these items to respective Government Ministries.

I extend my best wishes for successful implementation of this Grant Aid, which is a significant contribution to health care in Nauru.

I conclude with confidence that this Grant Aid will further strengthen friendship between the people and governments of Japan and Nauru.

Tubwa Kor (*Tooba Karr*), Thank You and Arigato Gozaimasu.

The End.