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## **Japan Formalizes Grant Aid for Republic of Nauru Hospital**

The Government of Japan will provide funding worth 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$2.5million) to the Government of the Republic of Nauru through its Economic and Social Development Programme Grant Aid. The funding assistance will enable the procurement of medical equipment aimed at improving the Republic of Nauru Hospital. H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan, and H.E. Ms. Kim Aroi, High Commissioner of the Republic of Nauru, will formalize Japan's assistance to Nauru at an Exchange of Notes signing ceremony hosted by the Embassy of Japan, at Level 2, BSP Life Centre, Suva, at **11.00am** on **Wednesday, 21 September 2016**.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and 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 telephone number: 3304633.

### **Details of Grant Aid for Procurement of New Medical Equipment Aimed at Improving the Republic of Nauru Hospital**

1. Purpose: Grant Aid for procurement of medical equipment for the Republic of Nauru Hospital
  - (1) Recipient Agency: Ministry of Health
  - (2) The Government of the Republic of Nauru will receive 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$2.5million) to purchase new medical equipment such as diagnostics and Laryngoscope sets aimed at improving medical service delivery at the Republic of Nauru Hospital (RoNH). The condition of such equipment at RoNH has deteriorated since it has been used for the past 10 years. This Grant Aid is in line with Nauru's National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) to improve health service. Its core focus is strengthening health systems capacity and sustainability as well as providing quality and effective health service.
2. Background of the Economic and Social Development Programme Grant Aid

This Grant Aid is a type of assistance which is intended to support developing countries by promoting their economic and social development efforts. This Grant Aid has a facility for providing foreign currency for import of goods, machinery and other amenities (industrial materials such as petroleum and steel products etc.) necessary to promote national development efforts of recipient countries.

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