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Japan Provides New Sea Mules and Aquaculture Equipment to Nauru

The Government of Japan is providing two new sea mules (tugboats) and aquaculture equipment to the Government of the Republic of Nauru. The total value of assistance is 300 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$3.75million) which is funded through Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA). H.E. Mr. Takuji Hanatani, Ambassador of Japan will hand over the sea mules and aquaculture equipment to H.E. Mr. Baron Divavesi Waqa, President of Nauru, at Anibare harbour at **11.00am** on **Tuesday, 21 February 2017**.

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 or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Details of Provision of Sea Mules and Aquaculture Equipment to the Republic of Nauru

1. Two New Sea Mules for Aiwo Harbour
 - (1) End-User: Ministry of Transport
 - (2) The Government of the Republic of Nauru received 200 million Japanese Yen to purchase new motorised sea mules, aimed at improving Aiwo Harbour. Nauru does not have the benefits of a natural harbour, due to the unique geography of the island. The open waters surrounding Nauru and the vessel berthing area being close to the fringing reef, make port operations very difficult. In the past, Aiwo Harbour operated one pilot boat, one sea mule and one barge between the harbour and berthed cargo-container vessels. The addition of two new sea mules will provide greater efficiency in raising Aiwo Harbour's cargo and vessel handling capabilities.
2. Aquaculture Equipment
 - (1) End-User: Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA)
 - (2) The Government of the Republic of Nauru received 100 million Japanese Yen to purchase machinery and equipment for fisheries research and aquaculture (e.g.: stereo microscope, biological microscope, refrigerator, water examination device, hot stirrer, dissecting instruments, drying oven, mini excavator). Such technology will support NFMRA in its efforts to collate biological information on the most important coastal food fish species in order to ensure sustainable management of such fish species and contribute towards food security for the people of Nauru. The water quality testing equipment will be used to culture milkfish production.
3. Background of the Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA)

The Government of Japan established the Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA) to directly provide funding to support sustainable development efforts of developing countries. Under the NPGA, the Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) procures and facilitates import of project material such as machinery, industrial products and petroleum on behalf of recipient countries, in line with their national development priorities.

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