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## **Japan Formalises Grant Aid for Electricity Generation in Tuvalu**

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$2.4million) to the Government of Tuvalu through its Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP). The funding assistance will enable the procurement of diesel fuel for Tuvalu Electricity Corporation (TEC). The Right Honourable Enele Sosene Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu and H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan, will formalise Japan's assistance to Tuvalu at an Exchange of Notes signing ceremony hosted by the Tuvalu High Commission, at Tuvalu House 16 Gorrie Street, Suva, at 3:00pm, on Wednesday, 23 May 2018.

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Mr. Peni Saurara at the Embassy of Japan 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 or Ms. Alio Panapa at the Tuvalu High Commission on email address [ajane\\_p@yahoo.com](mailto:ajane_p@yahoo.com) or telephone 3301355.

### **Details of Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP) Enabling Procurement of Diesel Fuel for Tuvalu Electricity Corporation**

1. Purpose: Grant Aid for Tuvalu's procurement of diesel fuel to be utilized for generating electricity by Tuvalu Electricity Corporation (TEC)
  - (1) Recipient Agency: Ministry of Public Utilities and Infrastructure
  - (2) The Government of Tuvalu will receive 200 million Japanese Yen to purchase diesel fuel, aimed at ensuring regular supply of electricity in Funafuti (capital of Tuvalu) through TEC's power station which also was built under Japan's Grant Aid assistance in 2007. The Government of Tuvalu plans to shift its reliance on electricity sourced from fossil fuel to renewable energy, on a national scale. While undertaking such an initiative, the Government of Tuvalu also intends to maintain stable supply of electricity for the people of Tuvalu. This project makes its contribution by aiming to support the Tuvalu Government in maintaining regular and uninterrupted power supply. The Government of Japan has consistently supported the Government of Tuvalu in the procurement of diesel fuel since 2005 and has also supported its effort in promoting sustainable renewable energy through JICA's technical cooperation project titled "the Project for Introduction of Hybrid Power Generation System in Pacific Islands Countries".
2. Background of the Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP)

ESDP is a type of assistance which is intended to support the socio-economic development efforts, including poverty reduction, of developing countries. The ESDP 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 efforts of recipient countries.

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