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Japan Hands Over Medical Equipment to Republic of Nauru Hospital

The Government of Japan has provided assistance worth two hundred 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$2.5m) to the Government of the Republic of Nauru through its Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP). The funding assistance has enabled the procurement of medical equipment and other necessary items for the Republic of Nauru Hospital. Mr Tsuguyoshi Hada, Embassy of Japan's Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission handed over the equipment to Nauru's Minister for Health, Hon. Charmaine Scotty, at a handing over ceremony held at the Republic of Nauru Hospital, at 11:00am on 29 June 2018.

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Details of Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP) for Procurement of Medical Equipment and Supplies

1. **Purpose:** Grant Aid for Procurement of Medical Equipment and Other Items
2. **Recipient Agency:** Department of Health and Medical Services
3. **Funding:** 200 million Japanese Yen (App. AU\$2.5m)

The Republic of Nauru Hospital has received state of the art medical equipment through Japan's Economic Social Development Programme. The assistance has enabled the procurement of diagnostic and surgical equipment that will support the Department of Health and Medical Services. Overall, the procurement of equipment such as neo-natal care apparatus, maternity ophthalmological and intensive care unit monitoring systems, non-mydratic retinal camera and slip lamp, ophthalmic surgical microscope and six months' supplies of consumables will support Nauru's Sustainable Development Strategy (2005-2025) for improving public health in Nauru.

4. **Background of the ESDP**

ESDP is a grant aid type of assistance which is intended to support the socio-economic development efforts, including poverty reduction, of developing countries. ESDP has a facility for providing foreign currency for procurement and 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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