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Japan Hands Over Equipment to the Fiji Government

The Government of Japan is pleased to announce the finalisation of the procurement of equipment and its implements under Japan's Grant Aid scheme titled "Economic and Social Development Programme" (ESDP) valued at 300million Japanese Yen (app.F\$5.8m)

H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan will officially hand over the equipment and its implements to Honourable Dr. Mahendra Reddy, Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment at the **Ministry of Rural and Maritime yard in Walu bay, Suva at 14.00 on Tuesday 09 July 2019.**

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 the Economic Social Development Programme

The Government of Japan has provided funding to the Government of Fiji valued at 300 million JPY (app.F\$5.80m) for the procurement of equipment and its implements to support Fiji's on-going rehabilitation efforts from disasters such as TC Winston and also to support Fiji's disaster preparedness and response efforts. Through this grant aid assistance, the Government of Fiji will receive five (5) Excavators, four (4) Dump Trucks, One (1) Motor Grader, four (4) Cargo Crane Trucks, five (5) pickup vehicles, four (4) Tractors, four (4) Disc Harrow for tractors, four (4) Moldboard Plow for tractors, five (5) Boats with engine and four (4) Forklift.

Background of the Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP)

Japan's grant aid, the 'Economic Social Development Programme' is a type of assistance which supports the socio-economic development efforts, including poverty reduction, of developing countries. The ESDP has a facility through Japan's International Cooperation Systems (JICS) to enable 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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