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Japan Hands Over Garbage Truck to Teinainano Urban Council

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth AU\$62,681 to Teinainano Urban Council for the provision of a garbage truck to the council under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The First Secretary and Head of the Development Cooperation Division at the Embassy of Japan, Mr. IWANO Taisuke will hand over the new garbage truck **at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 at Teinainano Urban Council Office.**

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp or eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and phone number: 3304633.

Details of the Project for Provision of Garbage Truck to South Tarawa

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

The timely assistance of the garbage truck will boost the Council's solid waste collection operations. Currently, Teinainano Urban Council (TUC) hires three open trucks to ensure waste collection schedule is aptly covered. However, this option is not economically viable for the Council and it poses occupational, health and safety risks to the garbage collectors and the public.

The provision of the garbage truck will improve waste management operations of TUC by providing an efficient, hazard free and timely waste collection service to the residents of South Tarawa.

2. Basic Information

Project for Provision of Garbage Truck to South Tarawa

- a) Donor: Government of Japan
- b) Recipient Teinainano Urban Council
- c) Total funding: AU \$62,681

The GGP Programme is one of the Japan's ODA schemes implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower grassroots communities. The GGP Programme in Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 1995. To date, 64 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 4.6 million.

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