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## **Japan Hands over Fire trucks and Rescue Equipment to Nauru Rescue and Fire Services**

The Government of Japan provided AUD\$352,292 to Nauru's Rescue and Fire Services for the procurement of fire engine, water tanker and rescue equipment under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The Embassy's Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission Mr. HADA Tsuguyoshi will hand over the new trucks and equipment **at Fire station: at 11:00am on Tuesday, 18 February 2020.**

You are most welcome to the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara 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 phone number: 3304633.

### **Details for the Project for provision of Fire Trucks for rescue and Rescue**

The fire engine, water tanker procured under Japan's Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in cooperation with the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD), will boost Nauru's fire-fighting fleet. The two fire trucks currently stationed at Nauru International Airport has been responding to inland fire incidents, but these trucks have to be on standby during take-off and landing. Furthermore, these trucks are too big to respond to inland fire incidents. The lack of water at the outside of the airport supply for these trucks is another obstacle, and having to return to the airport to refill its water supply makes it difficult to control fire incidents around Nauru.

To improve this situation, the Rescue and Fire Services requested for both a fire engine and a water tanker. The Government of Japan also provided funds for preparatory assessment and training by Japanese engineer on how to utilize and maintain the trucks in order to enhance its firefighting capacity which was completed in June 2019 and January 2020. In addition to this, Japan is also providing rescue equipment, such as a spreader, chainsaw, oxygen cylinder and smoke helmet. This will enhance Nauru's firefighting capacity.

The GGP Programme is one of Japan's ODA schemes implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower grassroots communities. The GGP Programme in Nauru has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 2006. To date, 19 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of USD 1.8 million.

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