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## **Japan Formalises Assistance with Republic of Nauru Hospital for the Provision of a New Ambulance**

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth AU\$137,060 to Republic of Nauru's Hospital for the procurement of an ambulance 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 sign the grant contract with Hon. Isabella Dageago, MP, Minister for Health **at 10:00am on Wednesday, 19 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 Ambulance for Republic of Nauru Hospital**

The Ambulance will be procured under Japan's Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in cooperation with the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD). The new Ambulance will strengthen the 'Republic of Nauru Hospital's response and lifesaving capabilities. The ambulance that are currently in operation have reached mileage in excess of 300,000km and the repair and maintenance cost including the replacement of vehicle parts have become a huge financial burden. In addition, the re-modelled 4 wheel drive that has been used as an ambulance has a limited space capacity to allow nurses and medical officers to undertake lifesaving procedures in the ambulance. For this reason, the ambulance has been primarily used for emergency transportation only.

To improve this situation, the new 4WD ambulance will have an improved suspension set-up to accommodate inland travel, a stretcher modified for the safety of patients and ample space for medical officers to carried out emergency procedures. In addition, the project will also include technical guidance of installed equipment through an inception workshop carried out by SPJD.

The GGP Programme is one of Japan's communities ODA schemes implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Nauru has been 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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