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Japan Hands Over New Facilities to Funafuti Kaupule, Fusi Alofa Special School and Fetuvalu Secondary School

The Government of Japan has provided a brand new 4,000 litre water distribution truck to Funafuti Kaupule, a new 9-seater school bus which is user-friendly for students using wheel chair to Fusi Alofa Special School and a new 30-seater school bus to Fetuvalu Secondary School. The total value of assistance is AU\$217,985 which Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Mr. IWANO Taisuke, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, will hand over the water distribution truck to the Funafuti Kaupule, the 9-seater school bus to the Fusi Alofa Special School and the 30-seater school bus to the Fetuvalu Secondary School at a ceremony held **at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th March, 2020, at the Conference Room in the Convention Centre, Funafuti, Tuvalu.**

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Details for the Three Projects

1. The Project for Provision of Water Distribution Truck in Funafuti

(i) **Basis for Implementing the project**

Funafuti Kaupule is required by local government laws to provide, erect and maintain a public water supply, however has been facing challenges in meeting the high demand for water from both commercial and residential customers as it shares the only water truck owned by the Public Works Department for water delivery. This is challenging as the truck is not always made available to the Kaupule during draught seasons, resulting in residents carting water in buckets, on scooters and trailers, to and from home. Through this project, the Embassy committed to assist the Kaupule in providing clean water to households in Funafuti during severe water shortages and reduce water vulnerability in Funafuti.

(ii) **Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Funafuti Kaupule
- (c) Total funding: AU\$64,043

2. The Project for Provision of School Bus to Fusi Alofa Special School

(i) **Basis for Implementing the project**

Fusi Alofa Special School is the only special school in Tuvalu aiming to improving the lives of children living with disabilities through education. Most of students depend on friends and relatives who have scooters and motorcycles for transport which compromises the safety of students with special needs and parents were reluctant to send their children to school due to lack of proper transport. Through this project, the Embassy aims to reduce the absence rate and improve student's attendance by providing a new bus with good seating capacity and high safety standards.

(ii) **Basic Information**

- (d) Donor: Government of Japan
- (e) Recipient: Fusi Alofa Special School
- (f) Total funding: AU\$81,266

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3. The Project for Provision of School Bus to Fetuvalu Secondary School

(i) Basis for Implementing the project

Due to the lack of public transport on Funafuti Island, there has been a high rate of absenteeism at Fetuvalu Secondary School, sometimes reaching 65% during rainy days. In response to the high rate of absenteeism, the school requested for a 30-seater bus that can provide transportation between the students' homes and the school. The Embassy of Japan decided to assist the school, and aims to encourage school attendance through the provision of a brand new school bus that can safely and comfortably transport the students.

(ii) Basic Information

- (g) Donor: Government of Japan
- (h) Recipient: Fetuvalu Secondary School
- (i) Total funding: AU\$88,000

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Tuvalu has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 1992. To date, 48 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of US\$ 3.3 million.

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