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Japan Formalizes Grant for Provision of Medical Equipment

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth 100 million Japanese Yen (approximately AU\$1.3million) to the Government of Tuvalu through its Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP). The funding assistance will enable the procurement of medical equipment for the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare & Gender Affairs.

H.E. Mr. OMURA Masahiro, Ambassador of Japan and H.E Mr. Temate Melitiana, Tuvalu High Commissioner to Fiji, will formalise Japan's assistance to Tuvalu at a Signing and Exchange of Notes Ceremony hosted by the Embassy of Japan, at **Level 2 BSP Life Center, Suva, at 2:30PM, on 18 June 2020.**

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: (+679) 3304633.

Details of the Project for Procurement of Medical Equipment

- 1) **Purpose:** Procurement of Medical Equipment
- 2) **Recipient:** Ministry of Health, Social Welfare & Gender Affairs (MHSWGA)
- 3) **Project Details:** The Government of Japan shares Tuvalu's vision for provision of quality and affordable health care to the people of Tuvalu. MHSWGA is committed to improving primary health care and development of secondary and tertiary health care services locally.
The global health care has been challenged due to the recent pandemic of COVID-19.
The grant will enable the procurement of necessary equipment and medical accessories for Tuvalu to respond effectively to the needs of the people by improving its capacity to diagnose, treat and provide tertiary health care. The equipment and its accessories will be utilized by MHSWGA to furnish Tuvalu's medical facility.

Background of the Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP)

ESDP is a type of grant aid assistance which is intended to support the socio-economic development efforts, including poverty reduction, of developing countries. The ESDP has a facility for providing foreign currency for import of goods, machinery and other amenities (industrial materials such as petroleum and steel products etc.) necessary to promote economic and social development efforts of recipient countries.

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