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<u>Japan Handed Over Emergency Relief Assistance to the Government of Kiribati in response to the Proclamation of State of Disaster</u>

The Government of Japan in response to the Government of Kiribati's Proclamation of State of Disaster to manage and respond to the Impact of Drought has decided to provide Emergency Relief Assistance.

In this Emergency Relief Assistance, the Government of Japan through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided 80 units of water purifiers and 3,600 Jerry cans.

Mr. TANAKA Kenichiro, Embassy of Japan's Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission handed over the relief items to the Government and the people of Kiribati this morning, **Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 10:00AM**. H.E. Mr. David Yardley, Australian High Commissioner to the Republic of Kiribati and Mr. MATSUI Nobuaki of JICA Kiribati Field Office witnessed the handing over ceremony in person.

Mr. Arobati Teewe Bretchefeld, Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy (MISE) received the items on behalf of the Government and the people of Kiribati.

If you further queries regarding Japan's Emergency Relief Assistance to Kiribati, please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: <a href="mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp">peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp</a> or <a href="mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp">eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp</a> and telephone number: (+679)3304633.

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