

PRESS RELEASE

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Japan Hands Over two twin cab vehicles and its trailers to Medical Services Pacific

The Government of Japan provided assistance worth up to FJ\$189,773 (US\$95,555) to Medical Services Pacific for provision of vehicles to Medical Services Pacific through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Mr. TANAKA Kenichiro, Counsellor will hand over two twin cab vehicles and its trailers for Medical Services Pacific <u>at: 10:00 am, 15 February 2023 at Medical</u> <u>Services Pacific Headquarters (Waimanu Road).</u>

You are most welcome to attend the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Ms. Mele Raturaga on email address: <u>mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> or <u>eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp</u> and phone number: 3304633.

Details for The Project for provision of vehicles to Medical Services Pacific

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

Medical services pacific (MSP) was established in 2010 and provides cancer screening, medical services, counselling and social welfare services for women and girls, who are pregnant, have a female-specific illness, or are rape victims etc. in the Pacific Ocean, including those in Fiji. During the epidemic of the new coronavirus infection, many public hospitals suspended general medical care; thus, the recipient cooperated with pregnant women's examinations and vaccinations. The headquarters is located in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa.

By providing 2 four-wheel drive vehicles and trailers to MSP HQ and its Labasa office, the work carried out by MSP is made easier through reaching women in rural areas to undergo medical treatment. In addition, women will have access to quality and professional health services, as well as the right technical support services for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual abuse. In addition

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (b) Recipient: Medical Services Pacific
- (c) Total funding: US\$95,555 (FJ\$189,773)

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 Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, 420 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD \$32 million.

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