

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Japan formalizes a Project with Nui Kaupule**

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to AU\$ 170,950 (US\$ 117,945) for "The Project for Procurement of Backhoe loader in Nui Island" through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Mr. TAZAWA Hiroki, First Secretary, Head of Economic and Development Cooperation, and Mr. Fakasoa Tealei, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Agriculture will attend the grant contract to formalize Japan's assistance at a Grant Contract Signing Ceremony held at ICT Room TPCC, Funafuti, at 3:00 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

You are most welcome to attend the ceremony. For further queries, please contact Ms. Mele Raturaga on email address: [mele.raturaga@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:mele.raturaga@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 backhoe loader**

#### **1. Basis for Implementing the Project**

Tuvalu is one of the smallest countries in the world but it is at the forefront of facing the full brunt of climate change. Due to the harmful impacts of the past two cyclones (Pam and Tino), Nui island has been experiencing severe food shortage. Nui Kaupule is encouraging the community to plant agroforestry in order to boost food security.

The procurement of a backhoe loader heavy machinery will assist in lessening the workloads of clearance lands for farming and construction, as well as aftermath of past cyclones. This project will ensure the safety and wellbeing of the people of Nui island by enhancing food security.

#### **2. Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Tuvalu
- (b) Recipient: Nui Kaupule
- (c) Total funding: US\$117,945 (FJ\$170,950)

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, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1992. To date, 49 projects have been funded under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 3 million.

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