
Speech by Mr. YAMADA Yosuke, First Secretary – Economic and Development Cooperation Division, Embassy of Japan, at the Handing Over Ceremony for Ambulances to the Republic of Nauru, 14 February 2023, Ron Hospital – Nauru.

Mr. Andrew O’Connell, Deputy Secretary for Department of Health,

Management and Staff of the Republic of Nauru Hospital,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning, Omo Yoran , and Ohayogozaimasu to you all.

Firstly, I wish to convey my sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to me and my colleagues since our arrival in Nauru. And I thank Mr. Andrew O’Connell, and the respective Nauru officials for hosting this Hand-over Ceremony. We are very pleased to be able to organize this ceremony this year, which marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Nauru and Japan.

It is my great honour and privilege to be here today, representing the Government and the people of Japan in this auspicious occasion, the handing over of 2 specially equipped Ambulances to the Republic of Nauru Hospital.

These vehicles were procured under Japan's 'Economic and Social Development Program' or ESDP, as part of the 100 Million Japanese Yen grant, which is approximately 1.5 Million Australian Dollars, that was committed to the upgrading of medical equipment in RON Hospital in 2020.

Strengthening health systems for the medium to long-term has long been a priority of Japan's development cooperation with Nauru. And I am confident that these Ambulances along with the other equipment's provided under this project will boost the emergency services of the hospital and support the hospital's treatment and patient monitoring, to deliver an efficient medical care to the people of Nauru.

Japan truly values the friendship that we share with the Republic of Nauru and we are pleased to have advanced relations through our cooperation in various fields such as Transport, the provision

of medical equipment to the Republic of Nauru Hospital back in 2018 and equipment and machinery for sustainable waste management. And Japan remains committed to continue supporting the Government of Nauru's development efforts.

Congratulations once again on receiving these Ambulances. I sincerely hope that with proper care and timely maintenance, these vehicles will diligently serve the people of Nauru for many years ahead.

I conclude with confidence that this Grant Aid will further strengthen friendship shared between the people and governments of Nauru and Japan.

Tubwa Kor (Tooba Karr), Thank You and Arigato Gozaimasu.

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