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Japan Hands Over a new Backhoe loader to Nui Kaupule

The Government of Japan provided AU\$ 170,950 to Nui Kaupule for the procurement of a new backhoe loader, under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Ambassador Mr. Rokuichiro Michii, will hand over the new machine to the Minister of Home Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment, Hon. Dr Maina Talia **on the 15th of August 2024** in Funafuti.

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 and eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp and telephone number: 3304633.

Details for The Project

Details for The Project for Procurement of Backhoe loader in Nui Island

Date: 15th August 2024

Time: 3:45pm

Venue: Tomasi Puapua Convention Centre

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: AUD \$ 170,950 (US \$117,945)

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, 51 projects have been funded under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value exceeding USD 3 million.

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