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Japan formalizes a Project with Funafuti Kaupule and Vaitupu Kaupule

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth up to AU\$ 201,985 (US\$ 141,050) for "The Project for the Provision of School Bus in Funafuti Atoll" and "The Project for the Provision of School Bus in Vaitupu Island" through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

Mr. Rokuichiro MICHII, Ambassador of Japan, and The Honourable Dr. Maina Talia, Minister for Home Affairs, Climate Change and Environment will attend the two grant contracts to formalize Japan's assistance at a Grant Contract Signing Ceremony held at Ambassador's Official Residence, Suva, at 1:00 pm on 18th February, 2025.

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 phone number: 3304633.

Details for The Projects for school buses

1. Basis for Implementing the two Projects

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 lack of public transportation in Funafuti and Vaitupu, students from both islands face problems in school attendance.

The procurement of two school buses, one for each island, will assist in increasing the school attendance and enhancing academic performance. This project will ensure the safety and access to education of the students of Funafuti and Vaitupu.

2. Basic Information

- Donor: Embassy of Japan in Tuvalu
- (a) Recipient: Funafuti Kaupule
Total funding: US\$70,199 (AU\$100,525)
 - (b) Recipient: Vaitupu Kaupule
Total funding: US\$68,506 (AU\$101,460)

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

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