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Press Release

Japan Supports Majuro Atoll Waste Company for Wood Waste Chipper

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito and the Acting General Manager of Majuro Atoll Waste Company (MAWC), Ms. Jacqueline Lakmis, signed the Grant Contract for “The Project for Procurement of Wood Waste Chipper for Majuro Atoll Waste Company” on Friday December 13th 2019 at the Embassy of Japan in Majuro. The grant amounting up to US\$82,480 is funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Masafumi Kanazawa , JICA Volunteer, Ms. Joan Quijano, Chief Financial Officer MAWC, Ms. Lianne Ramos, Administrative Officer MAWC and officials of the Embassy of Japan.

H.E. Ambassador Saito stated that solid waste management is an enormous challenge in the Marshall Islands, particularly in densely populated areas such as Majuro and Ebeye. Waste continues to mount up while the land is extremely limited. To counter the increasing waste, Majuro Atoll Waste Company is currently working on recycling green waste into compost. In fact, nearly 20% of waste in Majuro Atoll is green waste – this includes tree cuttings, leaves, and grass cuttings.

H.E. Ambassador Saito added that he hopes this project will contribute to improve environmental waste management in Majuro, and he highly expects that the new tree Wood Chippers will be used effectively and properly for many years ahead.

The Government of Japan launched GGP in 1996, for the purpose of responding to various development needs engaged in grassroots activities with schools, hospitals as well as local governments and NGOs in the RMI. As of December 2019, the Embassy granted 149 GGP in the RMI.

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