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## *Press Release*

### *Japan Support Namdrik Atoll Community Constructing A New Water Cistern (50,000Gallons)*

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Date: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Majuro, Marshall Islands

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito and the Namdrik Atoll local Government mayor Clarence Luther, signed the Grant Contract for “The Project for Construction of Water Cistern in Namdrik Atoll” on Friday October 25th 2019 at the Embassy of Japan in Majuro. The grant amounting up to US\$89,898 is funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Honorable Senator of Namdrik Atoll Local Government Wisely Zackhras, Honorable Mayor of Namdrik Atoll Local Government, Council Members of Namdrik Atoll Local Government, other distinguished guests, and officials of the Embassy of Japan.

In late 2015 to early 2016, the long dry weather resulted in severe drought throughout the country, and Namdrik Atoll was also suffered. As a result, “State of Disaster” was declared by the Government of the RMI in March 2016. Considering the severe condition, the Namdrik Atoll local Government requested the GGP fund to construct a new water cistern (50,000 gallons) for the residents, in order to secure more reliable and consistent source of water. The new cistern will be installed in the Namdrik Primary School compound, where the school’s educational environment will be also improved.

The Government of Japan hopes that this project will be beneficial in enhancing living environment for the people of the Namdrik Atoll and also hopes that it will be utilized properly and effectively for many years to come.

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 October 2019, the Embassy granted 148 GGP in the RMI.

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(Photos)



Mayor Clarence and Ambassador Saito signs Grant contract



Official exchange of contract between Namdrik Atoll Local Government and Japan





Namdrik Mayor Clarence, Ambassador Saito, Namdrik Senator Wisely



Attendees of the grant contract ceremony