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Press Release

Assumption School Welcomes a New Bus from Japan!

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On Tuesday, April 28th 2020, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Ambassador Norio Saito attended the handover ceremony for “the Project for Procurement of School Bus Service System of Assumption School in Majuro Atoll.” The ceremony was witnessed by Hon. Donald F. Capelle, Minister of Transportation, Communication and Information Technology, Mr. Kanchi Hosia, Commissioner of PSS, Fr. Ariel Galido, Ms. Victoria Capelle, Principal of Assumption School, Ms. Renielda Encarnacion, Vice Principal, Mr. Melvin Narruhn, Chairman of Assumption School Board, and Ms. Kayo Yamaguchi-Kotton, President of PTA; and staff and students of the school. The grant amount up to \$77,400 was funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) to purchase a new school bus for commuting students to and from the school.

The Assumption School has been facing difficulties in providing students especially residing at distant areas with safe and proper transportation between the school and their homes, since there has been no school bus. This new school bus will help these students not being late for classes, which will contribute to improve the school’s educational environment, and moreover will lead to improve their academic performance in the future.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito highlighted importance of education for the students’ bright future and stated, “My Government and people are happy to provide this school bus for the students and staffs... I am sure it will help you to arrive at school on Japanese time, before the school bell rings!” Ms. Capelle, Principal of the school expressed school’s heartfelt gratitude to the people and government of Japan.

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 April 2020, the Embassy granted 151 GGP in the RMI.

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