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Press Release

Japan granted Long Island Elementary School a New Bus

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito, and the Principal of Long Island Elementary School in Majuro Atoll, Ellice M Jibas, signed the Grant Contract for “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Long Island Elementary School in Majuro Atoll” on March 6th, 2020 at the Embassy of Japan. The project amounting to US\$81,985, is funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance Public School System of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Bartin Naisher, Vice Principal of Long Island Elementary School, and Mr. Shunsuke Endo, JICA Volunteer of Long Island Elementary School.

Long Island Elementary School has been facing difficulties in providing proper transportation for students residing in distant areas since there has been no school bus. By this project, students will secure a safe and proper transportation between school and their homes, which will contribute to improve educational environment for students as well as for school.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito stated that the government and people of Japan are happy to contribute to safe transportation of students to and from school. He further stated that education is a necessary tool to equip ourselves for our future and he was pleased to provide transportation to the future leaders of RMI. He was happy to point out that this is the first GGP for Long Island Elementary School where JICA volunteers have been dispatched for long time. He hoped to develop good cooperative relationship between Embassy of Japan and the Ministry of Education.

The Government of Japan launched GGP in 1996, for the purpose of responding to various development needs engaged in grassroots activities with schools and hospitals as well as local government and NGOs in the RMI. As of March 2020, the Embassy has granted 151 GGP in the RMI.

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