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Press Release

Japan Hands Over a New School Bus for Majuro Middle School

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito, attended the handover ceremony for “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Majuro Middle School in Majuro Atoll” on May 14th, 2020 at Majuro Middle School. The project amounting to US\$77,400, was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Ms. Hannah Lafita, PSS Associate Commissioner for Primary Schools, Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, PSS Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance, Ms. Asena Ketedromo, PSS Director of Secondary Curriculum, Mrs. Barbara Ned, Principal of Marshall Islands High School, Mr. Alvin Simon, Principal of Majuro Middle School, Mr. Anton Atlaia, Chairman of PTA, teachers and students of the school.

Majuro Middle School has been facing difficulties to meet the needs of transporting 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 impact positively on the 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 provide the school bus for safe and reliable transportation, time-wise and safety-wise, of students to and from school. He introduced the value of punctuality in Japan, and hoped that the bus will contribute to students’ arrival at school in time for starting time, which will lead to secure students’ good attendance. He concluded by advising students that “Education is a passport for your future. Be on time and study hard to become anything you wish to be.”

Ms. Lafita, PSS Associate Commissioner, expressed sincere 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 and hospitals as well as local government and NGOs in the RMI. As of May 2020, the Embassy has granted 151 GGP in the RMI.

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