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Press Release

Japan Constructed a New Water Cistern in Namdrik Atoll

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On June 23rd, 2020, hand-over ceremony for “The Project for Construction of Water Cistern in Namdrik Atoll” was held at Namdrik Primari School in Namdrik Atoll. The project amounting to US\$89, 898 was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Honorable Jemi Nashion, Minister of Culture and Internal Affairs, Leroij Kikiko Kabua Hiram, Leroij for Namdrik Atoll, Honorable Wisely Zackhras, Senator of Namdrik Atoll, Honorable Clarence Luther, Mayor of Namdrik Atoll, council members, teachers and community residents.

Namdrik Atoll Local Government constructed a water cistern (=50,000 gallons) at the compound of Namdrik Primary School in Namdrik Atoll for students and for residents of Namdrik Atoll to secure reliable and consistent source of water, which will lead the community to be more safe and resilient especially in times of drought.

At the ceremony, on behalf of the Ambassador His Excellency Norio Saito, Ms. Mariko Senda, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan congratulated the completion of the project. She stated that primary concern of Japanese Grassroots Grant Project is to support basic human needs. She continued; “Japanese people and government would like to assist community and residents in need of essentials such as water, sanitation, health and education. It is, therefore, pleasure and honor for people and government of Japan to cooperate with Namdrik Atoll Local Government to solve a crucial water problem, for the sake of health, life and also for the sake of human security of all the residents.”

Honorable Jemi Nashion addressed importance of water for the residents of Namdrik Atoll and expressed sincere gratitude for people and government of Japan. Honorable Wisely Zackhras, on behalf of mayor, council members and residents of Namdrik Atoll, appreciated Japan’s assistance and thanked all the people who devoted themselves for the project.

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 June 2020, the Embassy has granted 151 GGP in the RMI.

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