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Press Release

Japan Handover Newly Constructed Dormitory for MIHS

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On August 6, 2020, hand-over ceremony for “The Project for Construction of School Dormitory at Marshall Islands High School (MIHS) in Majuro Atoll” was held at Marshall Islands High School compound in Majuro Atoll. The project was launched in 2018 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The ceremony was witnessed by H.E. David Kabua, President, Honorable Kitlang Kabua, Minister of Education, Sports and Training, Honorable Jemi Nashion, Minister of Culture & Internal Affairs, Members of the Council of Irooj, Honorable Mike Halferty, Senator of Arno Atoll, Honorable Ladie N. Jack, Mayor of Majuro Atoll, Mr. Kanchi Hosia, Commissioner of PSS, Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, PSS Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance, Mrs. Barbara Ned, Principal of Marshall Islands High School and teachers.

With the highest number of students’ enrollment, not only from Majuro but also from the neighboring islands, MIHS had been facing the longstanding issue on acceptance of students from distant islands. Since there was no dormitory at school, those students enrolled from distant Atolls needed to stay at relatives or family’s acquaintances in Majuro, though, those who did not have anybody to stay with, it was difficult to enroll in high school or to continue to go to school until the day of graduation. In order to improve such situation, MIHS constructed a new dormitory through the funding of Japanese Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The new dormitory provides accommodation for about 108 students, being equipped with all the necessary facilities to live with.

At the Ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Norio Saito stated that access to education should be equal to everybody, and accordingly, people and the government of Japan is very privileged to contribute to educational opportunity of the students coming from distant islands. Ambassador Norio Saito continued; “Whenever the occasion arises, I am telling to students that education is a necessary tool to equip ourselves for our future. I sincerely hope that this project will serve for better environment for students from neighboring islands in concentrating on study and spending wonderful high school time together with their friends.” Ambassador Norio Saito concluded his remarks by expressing his sincere appreciation for all those involved in and dedicated to this project.

Honorable Kitlan Kabua, Minister of Education, Sports and Training extended her gratitude, on behalf of the government of the Marshall Islands and of Marshall Islands High School, for people and the government of Japan’s support to the students coming from the neighboring islands.

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 August 2020, the Embassy has granted 152 GGP in the RMI.

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