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Press Release

Japan Hands Over a New School Bus To Long Island Elementary 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 Long Island Elementary School in Majuro Atoll” on October 15, 2020 at Long Island Elementary School in Majuro Atoll. The project amounting to US\$81,985, was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Kanchi Hosia, Commissioner, Public School System (PSS), Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance, PSS, Assistant Pastor Carlson Timothy, Rairok United Church of Christ, Mr. Elice M Jibas, Principal of Long Island Elementary School, Mr. Bartin Naisher, Vice Principal of Long Island Elementary School, Mr. Harris Kaiko, PTA Chairman, teachers and students of the 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 of its own. This project will secure a safe and reliable transportation for students between school and their homes, which is expected to improve students’ motivation and performance at school.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito stated that on behalf of the people and government of Japan, he is happy and honored to contribute to transportation for students to go to school safely. He addressed the students that “Education is a necessary tool -as like passport- for your future. Attend school every day and study hard to become the next President, Minister, Mayor, Teacher or anything you wish to be.” He concluded his remarks by calling the attendees for their continued support in education for the sake of their children and also for the future of Marshall Islands. Mr. Hosia, Commissioner of PSS, expressed his sincere appreciation to the people and government of Japan for their long-term support in transportation for school children.

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

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