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Press Release

Japan Hands Over Wood Waste Chippers To Majuro Atoll Waste Company

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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 Wood Waste Chipper for Majuro Atoll Waste Company” on October 29, 2020 at Laura Composting Site of Majuro Atoll Waste Company. The project amounting to US\$82,480 was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Alap Jemod Calep, Mr. Jimmy Ceaser, Councilman of Majuro Atoll Local Government, Mr. Kimber Rilometo, Vice Chairperson of MAWC Board of Directors, Mr. Wani de Brum, General Manager of MAWC, Mr. Jorelik Tibon, Former General Manager of MAWC, and Mrs. Tibon; and Ms. Jacqueline Lakmis, Deputy General Manager of MAWC, and staff of MAWC.

Solid waste management is one of priorities in the Marshall Islands, particularly in the densely populated areas such as Majuro and Ebeye since waste keeps on mounting up while land is limited. Majuro Atoll Waste Company, having been strived for efficient and effective waste management, found a way to reduce waste amount by recycling green waste into compost.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito paid respect and expressed gratitude to Majuro Atoll Waste Company for its continued efforts in waste management. Ambassador Saito stated that he is very much honored to support in reducing waste amount in Majuro by environmentally friendly approach as recycling green waste into compost. Ambassador Saito appreciated all those dedicated to this project, and concluded his remarks by looking forward to hearing the achievement of those wood waste chippers. Mr. Kimber Rilometo expressed his sincere thanks to the people and the government of Japan, for the support in reproducing wood waste into compost, which is good for environment and also enriches the soil, serving for improvement of food production.

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 GGPs in the RMI.

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