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Press Release

Japan granted School Buses to Rairok Rainbow Elementary School and Laura Elementary School

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito signed the Grant Contract for “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Rairok Rainbow Elementary School in Majuro Atoll” with Mr. Salazer Bilimon, Principal of Rairok Rainbow Elementary School; and the Grant Contract for “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Laura Elementary School in Majuro Atoll” with Ms. Lanta Elbon, Principal of Laura Elementary School, at the Embassy of Japan. The project amounting to US\$81,985 for each was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance, Public School System (PSS), Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Mr. Rqis Aho, Associate Commissioner of Sports, PSS, Tom Kijenmej, Vice Principal of Rairok Rainbow Elementary School, Mr. Junior Sam, Chairperson of PTA for Rairok Rainbow Elementary School, Mr. Lithen Lanej, Chairperson of PTA for Laura Elementary School and other officials.

Both Rairok Rainbow Elementary School and Laura Elementary School have been facing difficulties in providing proper transportation for students residing in distant areas. This project will help students secure a safe and proper transportation between school and their homes, which is expected to improve educational environment for students as well as for school.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito introduced how he was overwhelmed to see pictures of the school bus of Rairok Rainbow Elementary School, which kept working for as long as 10 years, and finally became out of operation a few months ago. Ambassador Saito continued and stated that he understood importance of proper transportation for students in Laura based on his experience of observing scarce traffic during the daytime. Ambassador Saito concluded that it is pleasure, therefore, on behalf of the people and government of Japan, to support safe and reliable transportation for the students.

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 November 2020, the Embassy has granted 153 GGPs in the RMI.

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