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Press Release

Japan granted a New Bus to Delap Public Elementary School

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. Norio Saito and Mrs. Loretta J. Case, Principal of Delap Public Elementary School in Majuro Atoll, signed the Grant Contract for “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Delap Public Elementary School in Majuro Atoll” at the Embassy of Japan. The grant, amounting up to US\$81,985 is funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Kanchi Hosia, Commissioner of Public School System (PSS), Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, Associate Commissioner for Property & Maintenance of PSS, Mr. Fritz Phillip, Acting Associate Commissioner for primary schools of PSS, Mr. Dave Robert, Vice Principal of Delap Elementary School, teachers and PTA members.

Delap Public Elementary School has been facing difficulties in providing proper transportation for students residing in distant areas. The previous bus procured through Japan’s GGP in 2011 frequently broke down for the past few years. Roof of the bus leaks and surface of the passenger seat is fallen off. Such being the case, 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 stated that he was overwhelmed to see pictures showing deteriorated conditions of the current school bus; and therefore, it is a pleasure, on behalf of the people and government of Japan, to support safe, reliable and comfortable transportation for the students. Ambassador Saito concluded his remarks by wishing to strengthen the bonds with Delap Public Elementary School, which had been developed through the long-term dispatch of JICA volunteers to the school.

Mrs. Case, Principal of Delap Public Elementary School expressed her sincere thanks to the people and government of Japan.

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 March 2021, the Embassy has granted 155 GGPs in the RMI.

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