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Press Release

Handing-over of Fish Base to Utric Atoll Local Government

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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 Construction of Fish Base in Utric Atoll” held at the fish base in Utric Atoll on April 23, 2021. The project amounting to US\$83,411 was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP). The ceremony was witnessed by Honorable Hiroshi Vitus YAMAMURA, Senator from Utric Atoll and Mr. Tobin Kaiko, Mayor of Utric Atoll and other officials of Utric Atoll Local Government. H.E. David Kabua, President, also made a visit to the fish base after joining the Utric Day Celebration organized by the Utric Atoll Local Government.

Utric Atoll Local Government constructed fish base equipped with refrigeration storage in order to further promote fishery. Not to mention, the fish base will serve for food security of the residents since they will be able to preserve their precious food in case of fish scarcity due to stress of weather.

At the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Saito stated that both the Marshall Islands and Japan have been receiving the blessing of the sea for a long time. Ambassador Saito referred to a part of celebration message expressed by the President, H.E. David Kabua on the occasion of Fisherman’s Day in 2020; “Fishing is national pride and heritage for the Marshall Islands.” Ambassador Saito continued; it is, accordingly, a pleasure for the people and government of Japan to assist construction of fish base in Utric Atoll in order to preserve such precious fishery resources in good conditions.

Honorable Yamamura extended his gratitude, on behalf of Iroij, Mayor and people of Utric Atoll, to the people and government of Japan for the support of fish base. He added his sincere appreciation to Ambassador Saito for coming all the way to Utric to attend the ceremony despite busy schedule.

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 April 2021, the Embassy has granted 155 GGP in the RMI.

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