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Press Release

Japan grants 3 projects on infrastructure, solid waste and fuel

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On March 17, Ambassador TANAKA and Honorable Casten Nemra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, signed three Exchanges of Notes for Japan's grant aid "Economic and Social Development Programme". The three grants are (1) 500 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 4.3 million) for heavy machineries for infrastructure development; (2) 300 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 2.6 million) for solid waste management equipment; (3) 300 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 2.6 million) for diesel fuel. The signing ceremony was held at the Cabinet Conference Room and witnessed by His Excellency President David Kabua, Honorable Ministers, Senators and Mayors.

The signing of the three Exchanges of Notes is intended to materialize Japan's commitment in supporting five priority areas of cooperation expressed at the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM9) in July 2021. The heavy machineries, to be provided to Ministry of Works, Infrastructure and Utilities as well as some local governments such as Majuro, Wotje, Jaluit, Namdrick and Ebon, aims to support the Marshall Islands' efforts to "Strengthen Foundation for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development" throughout the outer islands.

The solid waste management equipment to be donated to Majuro Atoll Waste Company and Kwajalein Atoll Local Government is expected to contribute to the Marshall Islands' efforts in the field of "Climate Change and Disaster Resilience" by ways of enhancing environmental conservation and building recycle-based society. It is also expected to bring synergistic benefits to the ongoing technical cooperation project "Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Islands Countries (J-PRISM)" which has been implemented by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since 2011.

The diesel fuel, to be provided to the Marshalls Energy Company for power generation, is to assist the Marshall Islands' efforts in stabilizing the country's electricity supply in the backdrop of the continuing upward pressure to the international energy price and supply. This is the third consecutive year that fuel oil is provided to the Marshalls Energy Company.

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