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Press Release

Japan hands over School Buses to Ajeltake Elementary School and Laura High School

**September 9, 2022
Majuro, Marshall Islands**

Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. TANAKA Kazunari attended the handover ceremony of The Project for Procurement of School Bus for “Ajeltake Elementary School” and “Laura High School” in Majuro on September 8, 2022 held at Campus, Ministry of Education. US\$83,968 was funded to each school to procure a school bus through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

The ceremony was attended by Honorable Wilber Heine, Minister of Sports, Education and Training, Mr. Kanchi Hosia, PSS Commissioner of Public School System, Mr. Junior Paul, Associate Commissioner for Secondary and Career Education, Ms. Hannah Lafita, Associate Commissioner for Primary Schools, and Mr. Cassiano Jetnil, Associate Commissioner for Property and Maintenance, and other representatives from the Ministry and schools.

Those two public schools have been facing difficulties in providing proper transportation for students residing in distant areas. With this project, students will secure a safe and proper transportation between school and their homes, which will contribute to improving educational environment for students in these schools.

At the ceremony, Ambassador TANAKA expressed appreciation for the efforts of PSS, Principals, and School staff, who made it possible to have a hand over ceremony in the difficult situation of COVID-19 community transmission. He continued, Japan has been continuously supporting the education sector in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The “Education and Training” is placed as one of the strategic areas under “Social and Culture” pillar in the National Strategic Plan 2020-2030” of the Republic of Marshall Islands. The Government of Japan has also placed importance on “strengthening of Education” in its development cooperation policy for the RMI. Education is important for the human resource development, one

of the five priority areas of cooperation that the Leaders of Japan and the Pacific Island countries reaffirmed in their declaration at the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting last year.

Honorable Minister Heine stated his sincere appreciation for another token of friendship between Japan and Marshall Islands. He further stated that the schools will maintain the buses well to last long. Moreover, Principals Amity Jarom of Ajeltake Elementary school and Jimmy Kemem of Laura High School expressed their gratitude and reiterated that the buses were something they earnestly needed and they would invaluablely provide students an educational opportunities.

The Government of Japan launched GGP for the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 1996. The purpose of the projects is to respond to various development needs and directly benefit people at a grassroots level. With these GGPs as of September 2022, the Embassy has granted 157 GGPs in the RMI.

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Japan hands over School Bus to Majuro Cooperative School

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Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. TANAKA Kazunari attended the handover ceremony of “The Project for Procurement of School Bus for Majuro Cooperative School in Majuro Atoll”, on September 8, 2022 held at Majuro Cooperative School. US\$85,168 was funded to the school to procure a school bus through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) The ceremony was witnessed by the representatives from the school.

Majuro Cooperative School has been facing difficulties in providing proper transportation for students residing in distant areas. With this project, students will secure a safe and proper transportation between school and their homes. It will also be used for school materials distribution for online classes, which will contribute to improving educational environment for students at the COOP.

At the ceremony, Ambassador TANAKA expressed appreciation for the efforts of Principals, and health officers, who made it possible to have a hand over ceremony in the difficult situation of COVID-19 community transportation. He continued, Japan has been continuously supporting the education sector in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The “Education and Training” is placed as one of the strategic areas under “Social and Culture” pillar in the National Strategic Plan 2020-2030” of the Republic of Marshall Islands. The Government of Japan has also placed importance on “strengthening of Education” in its development cooperation policy for the RMI. Education is important for the human resource development, one of the five priority areas of cooperation that the Leaders of Japan and the Pacific Island countries reaffirmed in their declaration at the 9th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting last year.

Mr. Benjamin Wakefield, COOP Board Chairperson mentioned in his remarks how

significant role the GGP projects with the Government of Japan have been playing in enhancing their education environment over the years. Mr. Kenneth Fernando, Middle and High School Principal, thanked the people and the Government of Japan as well as all those who made an effort to this project. He also reiterated that the bus was something they earnestly needed and it would invaluable provide students an educational opportunities.

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