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## ***Press Release***

### ***Japan handed over waste bins and Safety equipment to the Marshall Islands***

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**Majuro, Marshall Islands**

On Tuesday, September 27, 2022, Ambassador TANAKA Kazunari handed over waste bins and safety equipment (PPE : personal protective equipment) namely sixty(60) hybrid front load waste bins, nine hundred and twenty(920) two-wheel trash can, sixty(60) raincoats, sixty(60) long sleeve safety shirts, sixty(60) safety glasses, sixty(60) hard hats, sixty four(64) coveralls, sixty(60) gloves, sixty(60) safety shoes to the Majuro Atoll Waste Company(MAWC).The handover ceremony was attended by General Manager of MAWC Halston deBrum, representing Hon. Jiba Kabua, Minister of Works, Infrastructure and Utilities and Chair of the MAWC Board, Hon. Betty T. Imaikta, Council member, representing Hon. Ladie Jack, Mayor of Majuro Atoll Local Government and staff of the MAWC.

The waste bins and safety equipment handed over today is Japan's approximately USD 270,000 assistance for the MAWC's "Waste Collection Improvement and Expansion Project" which aims to develop a safe and efficient standard of collecting and hauling of solid waste from residential homes and commercial users to the landfill at the MAWC. This assistance was implemented utilizing counterpart fund accumulated through the Non-Project Grant Aid in FY2014 which supported procuring diesel fuel.

At the ceremony, Ambassador TANAKA stated, "We understand that proper waste management has been a critical issue in terms of environmental conservation also in RMI. In Japan's development cooperation policy for RMI, "Environment and Climate Change" is placed as one of the priority area. Japan has been assisting to build a recycling-oriented society in RMI, with environmental conservation as the development target".

Ambassador added that besides the assistance at this time, Japan has been implementing the JPRISM Project for the Pacific Island Countries including RMI, starting in 2011, and has provided several assistance to Majuro Atoll Waste Company through such as Grassroots Grant Aid Project (GGP), Non-Project Grant Aid Program, Dispatch of JICA volunteers.

General Manager Halston deBrum extended sincere appreciation on behalf of MAWC staff and management, Majuro Atoll Local Government as well as the RMI government for the past assistance and support of the Japanese Government. He stated that there has been numerous projects addressing the issues and challenges of waste management by the Government of Japan and currently provision of the heavy machinery was underway.

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