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## Press Release

## Japan handed over thirteen Back-Up Generators to Majuro Water and Sewer Company

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On Wednesday, January 30th, 2024, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, H.E. TANAKA Kazunari, handed over thirteen (13) back-up generators to Mr. Damian Capelle, General Manager for Majuro Water and Sewer Company (MWSC). The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. Abacca Anjain Maddison, Deputy Chief Secretary for Ebeye, Ms. Yoko Ebisawa, Project Manager, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Pacific Office, and staff of MWSC.

The back-up generators are a part of equipment and materials to be under the project for Enhancing Disaster and Climate Resilience in the Republic of the Marshall Islands through improved Disaster Preparedness and Infrastructure in collaboration with UNDP through Japan's supplementary budget FY2018. The backup generators to be utilized to ensure stable water supply system in Majuro Atoll and contribute to improving the resilience of the RMI against drought and other natural disasters.

At the ceremony, Ambassador TANAKA expressed his sincere gratitude to the officials and the people concerned for their long-time commitment and dedications of this project. He further stated that "the Back-Up generators to MWSC and the planned project for the improvement of the water reservoir, which will, as a Japan's Grant Aid Project, be implemented by JICA, will ensure the stable water supply system that is essential to people's lives in Majuro Atoll and contribute to improving the resilience of the RMI against drought and other natural resources."

MWSC General Manger Damian Capelle extended his gratitude towards all who made the project possible and conveyed his gratitude towards to the Government and people of Japan through UNDP for the generous contribution to the water company. He further stated that they will do their best to maintain and put the generators in good use.

Deputy Chief Secretary Abacca Anjain, on behalf of the Government of RMI, highlighted that they are also ready to support MWSC to maintain the generators for many years to come. She also retaliated with sincere "Kommol tatas" to the people and Government of Japan for their support and contribution to the people of the Marshall Islands.

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