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Press Release

Japan Grants Equipment for Copra Logistics for Lib Island Local Government

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Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mr. HATTORI Takashi, and Mr. Winlan Sheet, Mayor of Lib Island Local Government, signed the Grant Contract at the Embassy of Japan for 'The Project for the Procurement of Equipment for Dried Coconuts Logistics in Lib Island' (amounting up to US\$64,367).

It was funded through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) by the Government of Japan. The ceremony was witnessed by Honorable Joe Bejang, Minister of Education, Sports and Training and other representatives from the local government.

The residents living in Lib Island have been facing difficulties in collecting coconuts and carrying copra due to the lack of necessary equipment. With this project, the whole community will be benefited by the improved copra production efficiency and production volume, which will help the residents get more income and fulfill their basic living needs.

At the ceremony, Mr. HATTORI introduced the project and stated, "I hope that the project will be improving the quality of life for the residents, and those equipment to be provided will be used effectively and maintained appropriately for the years to come." He further stated that "Since the introduction of GGP project in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in 1996, the Government of Japan has been a close partner with the Government and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands." And he added that, "Japan will continue to work together for the well-being of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands using different types of economic and development cooperation schemes including GGP."

Mr. Sheet, Mayor of Lib Island Local Government, expressed his sincere gratitude and the warmest Kommol tata to the people and Government of Japan for generous assistance to the residents in Lib Island. He also stated that Lib Island Local Government will implement this project diligently to bring positive effect to the community and to maximize the impact.

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. With these GGPs as of March 2024, the Embassy has granted 162 GGPs in the RMI.

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