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Press Release

Japan handed over equipment for dried coconuts logistics to Lib Island Local Government

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On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, a handover ceremony for “The Project for the Procurement of Equipment for Dried Coconuts Logistics in Lib Island” was held in Lib Island. The grant amounting to US\$64,367 for the procurement of equipment for dried coconuts logistics, including a portable davit crane, a pickup truck, and 21 rear carts, was funded through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The ceremony was attended by Honorable Winlan Sheet, Mayor of Lib Island Local Government, councilmembers of the Local Government, people of Lib Island, and other distinguished guests.

At the ceremony, Mr. HATTORI Takashi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, congratulated the completion of the project. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of all those involved in and dedicated to this project and added that “Copra production is the key industry and a critical source of livelihood in Lib Island. With the provision of this equipment, increased efficiency and production of the copra industry will allow the people in Lib to secure income generation.” He further stated that “The Government of Japan has been a close partner over many years with the Government and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and continues to work together for the well-being of the people of the Marshall Islands.”

Honorable Winlan Sheet, Mayor of Lib Island Local Government, expressed his sincere appreciation to the people and the Government of Japan, as well as all those who made an effort in this project. He further stated that this assistance will go a long way in supporting the local livelihood, boosting productivity, and helping to sustain one of the island’s most important traditional industries, copra production. Those who participated in the ceremony gave enthusiastic welcomes with great smiles.

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 this GGP, the Embassy has granted 162 GGPs in the RMI to date.

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