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Press Release

Japan hands over medical equipment and vaccination delivery scooters to MOHHS

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On Thursday, December 4, 2025, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Ambassador SOMA Hirohisa, handed over medical equipment and scooters to the Ministry of Health and Human Services (MOHHS). The ceremony was also attended by Honorable Ota Kisino, Minister of Health and Human Services, Ms. Daisy Pedro, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Human Services, and Dr. Abba Zakari Umar, Maternal and New-Born-Child Health and Immunization Specialist of UNICEF, as well as MOHHS officials and Majuro Hospital staff.

The equipment handed over to the ministry was provided by two Japan's assistance projects. One is part of the Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP), a grant of 331 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 2.07 million) providing, namely 1 CT scanner for Ebeye, 4 bedside monitors with spare-parts and consumables for Majuro, 4 bedside monitors for Ebeye, 1 central monitor and one 1 blood gas analyzer with a sensor card for Ebeye, to improve fundamental medical capacity in the RMI. The other is part of the Project for Strengthening Capacity of Health for COVID-19 Crisis, a grant of total 2 billion 253 million Japanese Yen (approximately 15.02 million USD) for 14 Pacific Island Countries in collaboration with UNICEF, namely 12 scooters, to support immunization outreach in the outer islands such as Ailinglaplap, Ailuk, Arno, Jaluit, Likiep, Maloelap, Mili, Wotho and Wotje.

During the ceremony, Ambassador SOMA emphasized Japan's continuous support in providing Majuro and Ebeye hospitals with necessary medical facilities and equipment, starting with the construction of Majuro Hospital in 2003. He also expressed his sincere hope that the equipment handed over would contribute to further improving health and medical services in the RMI.

Minister Kisino extended the RMI's gratitude to the government and people of Japan and stated that the Japan's assistance has been instrumental in strengthening its health system and ensuring that vital services reach even the most remote communities.

Dr. Umar, on behalf of the UNICEF, also extended its heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of Japan and noted the provision of scooters will enhance mobility for health workers, enabling them to deliver timely care and strengthening outreach services in remote areas.

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Ambassador SOMA delivering remarks



Minister Kisino delivering remarks



Dr. Umar, UNICEF Specialist, delivering remarks



Ribbon cutting by (from left) Minister Kisino, Ambassador SOMA, Acting Secretary Pedro, Dr. Umar, UNICEF Specialist



Medical equipment installed in the patient ward