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## *Press Release*

### ***Japan signs Grassroots and Human Security Grant for Procurement of Recycled Fire Trucks in Majuro Atoll***

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Date: March 3, 2026  
Majuro, Marshall Islands

On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, His Excellency SOMA Hirohisa, Ambassador of Japan in the RMI, and Ms. Hemonia Jack, Police Commissioner of the Marshall Islands Police Department, signed the grant agreement for Japan's Grassroots and Human Security Grant (GGP) aid totaling 154,839 million US dollars for the Project for Procurement of Recycled Fire Trucks in Majuro Atoll.

The signing ceremony was held at the Embassy of Japan's multipurpose hall and the signing was witnessed by Honorable Bremity Lakjohn, Minister-In-Assistance to the President and Environment, Honorable Wisely Zackhras, Minister of Justice, Immigration and Labor, Honorable Hilton Kendall, Minister of Transportation, Communication and Information Technology, and other officials and stakeholders.

This project provides three recycled fire trucks to Majuro Atoll (1 chemical pump truck and 1 personnel transport/command vehicle for Uliga Headquarters and 1 pump truck for Laura Fire Station) to strengthening the Marshall Islands Police Department (MIPD)'s disaster prevention and rescue systems. These vehicles are scheduled to be refurbished by the Society for the Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) and delivered to Majuro later this year, with on-site training to be conducted upon delivery.

The provision of the fire trucks is in response to the fire at the Nitijela building last August and is aligned with one of the key recommendations in the Nitijela Building Fire Response and Recovery Plan announced last September to "strengthen the Fire Division's capacity with modern equipment, training, and enhanced inter-agency coordination."

This project reflects Japan's commitment to the disaster prevention and countermeasures outlined in the priority area of "Environment and Climate Change" in its Country Development Assistance Policy for the Marshall Islands.

After the signing, Ambassador SOMA, remarked, "by maintaining Majuro's capital functions and protecting its cosmopolitan areas, we are working together to ensure that the RMI remains a safe and secure home for all its citizens," and expressed his sincere hope that "these fire trucks will serve as a symbol of our friendship and a shield for the RMI community."

Commissioner Jack expressed gratitude for the support of the government and people of Japan and remarked, "this support came at a crucial time, as the MIPD continues to strengthen our emergency response capacities," and added, "these fire trucks will significantly help improve our response time, expand our coverage areas and most importantly save and protect property."

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Commissioner and Ambassador



Ambassador and Commissioner with Ministers



Ambassador remarks



Commissioner remarks



Group photo after the signing