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Press Release

Japan handed over a boat to Namu Atoll Local Government

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On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, a handover ceremony for “The Project for the Improvement of Maritime Transportation in Namu Atoll” was held in Namu Atoll. Through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a grant of US\$161,500 was provided to procure a new boat that will help improve daily transportation and connectivity for the people of Namu Atoll.

The ceremony was attended by Honorable Kemilang Kabua, Mayor of Namu Atoll Local Government, council members of the Local Government, community members, and other distinguished guests.

At the ceremony, Mr. TSUCHIDA Koichi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, congratulated the people of Namu Atoll on the successful completion of the project and expressed his appreciation to everyone whose dedication made it possible. He wished that "this new boat will make life in Namu easier, safer, and more convenient, supporting the dreams and future of the people of this beautiful atoll." He further stated that "Japan's friendship with the people of Namu Atoll has been built over many years, and I hope every journey made by this boat will bring families and communities closer together while further strengthening the bond between Japan and Namu."

Honorable Mayor Kemilang Kabua expressed his sincere appreciation to the people and the Government of Japan, as well as all those who contributed to this project. He also emphasized the importance of carefully maintaining the boat so that it can continue serving the people of Namu for many years, noting that reliable sea transportation is essential for the community's daily life, safety, and future development.

Since 1996, Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP) has supported community-driven initiatives across the Republic of the Marshall Islands, responding to local development needs and directly improving people's lives. With this project,

the Embassy of Japan has supported a total of 163 GGP projects throughout the RMI, reflecting Japan's continued commitment to working hand in hand with Marshallese communities.

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