

Signing Ceremony of
The Project for the Procurement of Fishing Vessel to Improve Food
Security and Fishing Skills for Pukapuka Islanders in Rarotonga

On 15 February, in the presence of Mr Ben Ponia, Secretary for Ministry of Marine Resources, the Grant Contract for the Project for the Procurement of Fishing Vessel to Improve Food Security and Fishing Skills for Pukapuka Islanders in Rarotonga was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by Ambassador Toshihisa Takata and Mr Nauma Atiau, President of the Pue Fishing Association.

The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of NZ\$112,054 to procure a fishing vessel including fishing gear along with installing a freezer, solar system, ice machine and water tank at the headquarters of the Pue Fishing Association.

Ambassador Takata expressed his congratulations and believed that the project would significantly improve food security and upskill sustainable fishing methods and technology through practical training and hands on fishing experience at sea. The project will also increase the cold storage for fish to ensure of fish consumed by the community.

