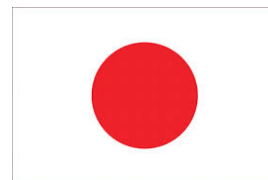


Press Release

Embassy of Japan to the Cook Islands



**Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for
THE PROJECT FOR
THE PROVISION OF PUMP TRUCKS AND TANK TRUCK TO THE FIRE RESCUE
STATION IN TEIMURIMOTIA
under
JAPAN'S GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASS-ROOTS HUMAN SECURITY
PROJECTS
Wellington, NEW ZEALAND**

Today, 27 November 2017, in Wellington, a Grant Contract for the Project for the Provision of Pump Trucks and Tank Truck to the Fire Rescue Station in Teimurimotia was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). This project takes the total number of GGP projects in the Cook Islands to seventeen (17).

This Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of up to one hundred and seventy-eight thousand seven hundred and thirty-four NZ dollars (NZ\$ 178,734) and involves the provision of two pump trucks and a tank truck to the Fire Rescue Station of the TVFRB Charitable Trust in Teimurimotia.

The Project aims to improve the Brigade's capacity to promptly respond to fire outbreaks and other emergencies, covering not only the 2000 Takitumu residents but also the more than 11000 tourists and visitors.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Toshihisa Takata signed the Grant Contract with Mr Alistair Macquarie, Chairman and Trustee of Teimurimotia Volunteer Fire Rescue Brigade Charitable Trust.

In his addresses, Ambassador Toshihisa Takata congratulated the TVFRB Charitable Trust, on the successful conclusion of its project proposal through its strong leadership and dedication along with hardworking community members.

Ambassador concluded by wishing that this project would progress smoothly toward its scheduled date of completion and hoped it would create additional symbols of friendship and cooperation between Japan and the Cook Islands.

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