

**Handing-over Ceremony of the Project for
the Provision of an Aerial Ladder Truck to the Fire Rescue Station in Temurimotia
under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Project**

On 12 July 2019, a handing over ceremony for a 15 meter Aerial Ladder Truck under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) was held in Rarotonga, the Cook Islands. About 40 people including Ambassador Kobayashi, Parliamentarian Selina Napa, Alistair Macquarie, and officials from Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy attended the ceremony.

Under Japan's GGP, Japan assisted with a grant of up to about one hundred and thirty-two thousand NZ dollars (NZ\$ 132,000) and provided an aerial ladder truck as well as four-day training seminars for the fire fighters on effective use of the ladder truck. As a result, more effective and efficient firefighting will be available for clustered housing areas and high buildings. Parliamentarian Napa and Chairman of Teimurimotia Volunteer Fire Rescue Brigade Charitable Trust, Mr Macquarie made their gratitude to Japanese government and people for their great contribution in providing an aerial ladder truck in good condition in this year, which follows pump fire trucks and a water tank truck last year, as well as the construction of a fire station two years ago.



Ambassador Kobayashi's speech

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ribbon-cutting by Ambassador



Demonstration by an Aerial Ladder Truck①



Demonstration by an Aerial Ladder Truck②



Group photo of fire fighters and official from Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy