## Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for The Project for

## the Improvement of the Sea Tracks and Marine Facilities in the Western regions of Niue

On 25 January 2019, a Grant Contract for the Project for the Improvement of the Sea Tracks and Marine Facilities in the Western region of Niue was signed under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) by H.E. Mr. Hiroyasu Kobayashi, Ambassador of Japan to Niue, and Ms Felicity Bollen, CEO of Niue Tourism Office, at the Embassy of Japan in Wellington.

The Project will see the Government of Japan provide grant assistance of up to NZ\$220,000 to construct and improve the conditions of eight sea tracks and marine facilities in the western region of Niue.

The grant will be used to improve the local community's access to the sea, enhance traditional fishing activities, and is expected to promote the local tourism industry.

Ms Bollen said this project was very meaningful to Niue's local communities and government, and she was very happy to sign the contract. Knowing this project is the second GGP for Niue, she stated that she would keep to the project implementation period and make good quality products in order to respond to Japan's support. Also, she expressed her gratitude to the Japanese people as this project will bring great benefits in terms of the promotion of the local communities and also the conservation of the environment etc.

Ambassador Kobayashi expressed his congratulations to the Niue Tourist Office, and wished for the successful completion of the project which he hoped will create additional symbols of friendship and cooperation between Japan and Niue.







From left, Ms Bollen, CEO of Niue Tourist Office, Ambassador Kobayashi