

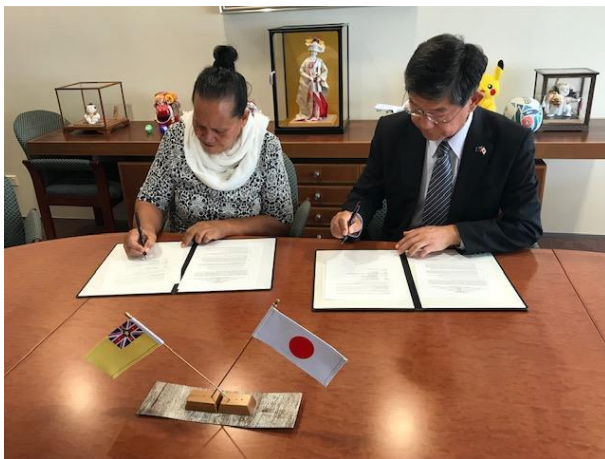
**The Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for the Project for  
Provision of Equipment for Organic Farmers for needs of Healthier Niue  
Under  
The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)**

On 17 February 2020, the Grant Contract for the Project for Provision of Equipment for Organic Farmers for needs of Healthier Niue under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security (GGP) was signed by Ambassador of Japan to Niue, Hiroyasu Kobayashi and Ms. Maryanne Talagi, Chairperson of Niue Island Organic Farmers Association (NIOFA) at the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand.

In this Project, the Government of Japan provided NIOFA a grant of NZ\$169,996 for a farming truck, four planting nurseries, and one storage facility etc. Niue High Commissioner HE Pihigia said that organic farming was a promising industry in Niue and Japan's grant was a historical one in view of the Niue-Japan relationship. Chairperson Ms. Talagi said that Niue's local farmers have been clearing lands and growing organic products daily, and it was an unequalled joy for NIOFA to receive a grant from Japan. Ms. Tagai said on behalf of NIOFA, she was deeply grateful to the Government and people of Japan.



Ambassador Kobayashi's speech : from left, Niue High Commissioner HE Pihigia, Chairperson of NIOFA, Ms Talagi, Ambassador



Exchange of Grant Contracts: Chairperson Ms Talagi(left), Ambassador Kobayashi (right)



Group photo: from left, First Secretary Mr Azechi, Ambassador Kobayashi, High Commissioner Pihigia, Chairperson of NIOFA Ms Talagi, NIOFA staff, First Secretary of Niue High Commission Ms. Shiohane, First Secretary Dr Tanaka (end)