

**Signing Ceremony of
Japan's Grant for the Economic and Social Development
Aid Programme for Niue
Wellington, NEW ZEALAND**

On 18 June 2020, the signing ceremony of Japan's grant for the economic and social development aid program took place at the Embassy of Japan, and Ambassador of Japan to Niue, KOBAYASHI Hiroyasu and HE Hon Fisa Pihigia, Niue High Commissioner to New Zealand signed and exchanged notes. With the aid program, Japan provided a grant aid of one hundred million (¥100,000,000) Japanese Yen, approximately \$1,300,000 NZ dollars for the procurement of health and medical equipment such as portable ultrasound sound scanner, defibrillators made by Japanese companies in order to respond COVID-19 and to strengthen health and medical capacity in Niue.

In the ceremony, Ms Gano Siohane, First Secretary of Niue High Commission and other staff also attended. High Commissioner Pihigia said that this grant assistance was meant not only for responding COVID-19 during which health and medical issues have become extremely important for all countries but also for building Niue's health and medical capacity for the future. He added that this is a generous and important grant from Japan and that he was grateful to the Government and people of Japan on behalf of Niue's new Premier and government, and the people of Niue.



1. Signing and exchanging notes



2. Group photo

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