

**Grant Contract signing for the
Project for the Establishment of Water Tanks in Mauke Island
Under
Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)
At Wellington, New Zealand
&
Mauke, The Cook Islands**

The Grant Contract for the Project for the Establishment of Water Tanks in Mauke Island 2020 under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) was signed on 30 October 2020 by Mayor Vaine Aberahama of Mauke Island in the Mauke Island Government Office, and on 2 November 2020 by Ambassador KOBAYASHI Hiroyasu in the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand respectively.

With this Project the Government of Japan will provide grant assistance of NZ\$ 131,700 for the construction of eight (8) concrete 20,000 litre water tanks at eight (8) sites including Mauke Airport Terminal, Mauke Public Hospital, Mauke School Hall and Community Halls and a Church Hall in Mauke Island along with a mobile water tank for the transfer of water to remote areas as well as for fire emergencies. The Project will benefit about 300 residents in Mauke Island by securing water for drinking, domestic use and agricultural use and also for responding to firefighting emergencies in Mauke island.

It will also improve the water storage capacity in the Mauke community and assist in enhancing community resilience during periods of low rainfall, and by doing so mitigate the impact of climate change on the Cook Islands.



Mayor Aberahama



Ambassador Kobayashi (right)
and Mr Kirihara (left)