

**Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for**  
**THE PROJECT FOR**  
**PROCUREMENT OF CARGO HANDLING FORKLIFT IN ALOFI PORT**  
**Under**  
**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP)**

On February 28, 2023, The Grant Contract for the Project for Procurement of Cargo Handling Forklift in Alofi Port under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project (GGP) was signed by Charged'affaires of Japan to Niue, Tatsushi Nishioka, and Secretary to Government of Niue, Peleni Talagi at the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand.

With this Project the Government of Japan will provide grant assistance of NZ\$301,752 to the Department of Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure, Government of Niue, to provide a forklift truck for unloading at Alofi Port. By providing the forklift truck, the project aims to secure and maintain the means of unloading daily commodities in the country and strengthen social services through sustainable and stable logistics.

Mr Nishioka commented at the ceremony:  
'I visited Niue in October 2022, when I learned that the forklift, only one and old, was the weakest link of the distribution system of Niue. All the goods, commodities and materials in this small island country, except for domestic products and air cargos, are transported and landed by the forklift at the port, and there was an urgent need to replace it. Since then we started this project and worked together with Peleni, Emi and other colleagues in Niue. Today I am very happy to finally sign on this together with our friends.'



