

Japanese Beach Volleyballs Gifted to the Cook Islands

On June 12, 2023, a handover ceremony took place at the courts of the Cook Islands Volleyball Federation (CIVF) in Rarotonga, marking the official delivery of 51 beach volleyballs donated by the Japan Volleyball Association to the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee (CISNOC). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Embassy of Japan in New Zealand assisted with the transportation of the volleyballs as part of their Sports Diplomacy Enhancement Programme.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr John Webb, Honorary Consul-General of Japan to the Cook Islands, Mr Hugh Graham, President of the Cook Islands Sports and National Olympic Committee (CISNOC), and Mr Robert Graham, President of the Cook Islands Volleyball Federation (CIVF), for their invaluable support in making the ceremony a reality.

We are thrilled to hear that the donation has been warmly received and recognised as a valuable contribution to the promotion of beach volleyball in the Cook Islands. We hope that this handover will serve as an impetus for further enthusiasm for beach volleyball in the Cook Islands, fostering greater sports exchange between the two countries.



From left,
Mr Robert Graham, President of
the Cook Islands Volleyball
Federation (CIVF),
Mr John Webb, Honorary Consul-
General of Japan to the Cook
Islands, and
Mr Hugh Graham, President of
the Cook Islands Sports and
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Representatives of the Cook
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