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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Arrival of Japan's Emergency Assistance to the Kingdom of Tonga in  
Response to the Damage caused by Cyclone "Gita"**

On February 23, Japan's Emergency Relief Goods (tents, tarpaulin plastic sheets, generators etc.) arrived at Fa'amotu Airport on the Air New Zealand, NZ270 flight through Auckland.

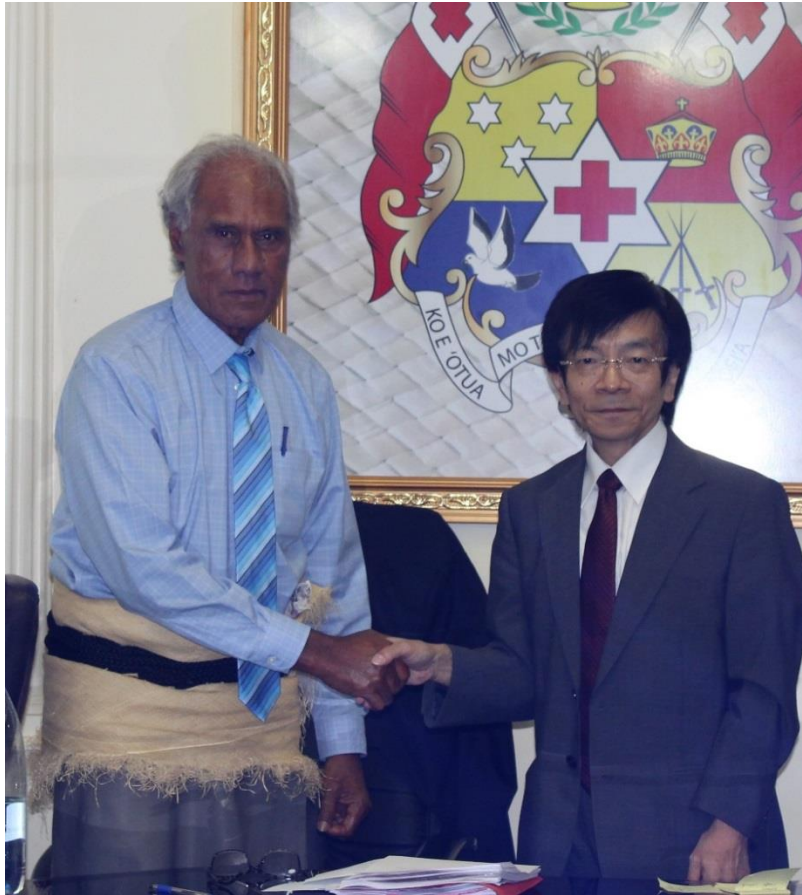
"I do hope that these equipment will be fully utilized as much as possible by the affected people in Tonga, and that Tongan communities will work together to recover soon," stated H.E. Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga, upon receiving the equipment at Fua'amotu International Airport along with Mr. Leveni Aho, Director of the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) and Mr. Shinji Yoshiura, Resident Representative, JICA Tonga Office.

The equipment will be handed over to and administered for distribution to the affected people by NEMO shortly.

Simultaneously, Ambassador Ishii met Hon. 'Akilisi Pohiva, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga and conveyed a message of deepest sympathies from Mr. Taro Kono, Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs on the destruction left by Cyclone Gita. In that meeting the Ambassador also reported on the arrival of the emergency relief goods this afternoon which are integrated into Japan's assistance for disaster prevention and preparedness to NEMO and other Ministries last year in June and August.

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Attached; photos



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga conveyed the message of deepest sympathies to Hon. 'Akilisi Pohiva, Prime Minister of Tonga on February 23, 2018 at the Prime Minister's Office, Nuku'alofa.



H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga, assisted in the unloading of Japan's emergency relief goods at the Fua'amotu International Airport on Friday noon, 23 February 2018.

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H.E Mr. Tetsuya Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga along with Mr. Shinji Yoshiura of JICA-Tonga and Mr. Leveni 'Aho, Director of NEMO with Japan's emergency relief goods that arrived Tonga on Friday, 23.



Japan's emergency relief goods arrived Fua'amotu Airport on Friday, 23 February 2018.

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