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**Japan's second vaccine donation arrived in the Kingdom of Tonga**

The second donation of Japan-made AstraZeneca vaccines through COVAX arrived in the Kingdom of Tonga on Tuesday 14 December, 2021. His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga received the consignment at the Fua'amotu International Airport, and handed over to Hon. Dr. 'Amelia Tu'ipulotu, Minister for Health.

A total of 7,000 doses arrived following the first donation of 26,800 doses that arrived in August.

His Excellency, Ambassador MUNENAGA mentioned that the Government of Japan has been strongly supporting Tonga's target of vaccinating 70% of the total population, and willing to donate necessary vaccines in accordance with the plan of the Ministry of Health. "I hope today's vaccines could help accelerate the on-going inoculation and that we could make the Kingdom well prepared before COVID-19 comes."

Japan's support to Tonga's effort in tackling this global pandemic included transportation assistance of 5 TOYOTA HILUX trucks under Japan's \$9million US dollars Cold Chain assistance to the Pacific Island countries. In addition, thermography cameras and medical equipment through Japan's Non-Project Grant Assistance (NPGA) and 26,800 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine were donated in April and August respectively. More supports could be expected soon.

Hon. Dr. 'Amelia Tu'ipulotu, acknowledged Japan's support to better protect the people of Tonga. She appreciated the arrival of Japan's second donation of vaccine in time, after the current stock of AstraZeneca vaccines expired a day before.

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H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga with Hon. Dr. 'Amelia Tu'ipulotu, Minister for Health and the consignment of Japan's donated AstraZeneca vaccine support for the Kingdom of Tonga.



Handover of Japan's second vaccines support to Tonga on Tuesday, 14 December 2021.

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H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga at the handover of Japan's donated AstraZeneca vaccines on Tuesday, 14 December 2021.



The handover of Japan's donated AstraZeneca vaccine support for the Kingdom of Tonga.