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<u>The additional 7,000 doses of AstraZeneca Vaccines</u> <u>Arrived in the Kingdom of Tonga</u>

On Tuesday 15 February 2022, the additional 7,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines funded by the Government of Japan through COVAX arrived at the Fau'amotu International Airport. H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga was present at the Airport to receive the vaccines.

This is the third provision of Japan made AstraZeneca vaccines following the donation of 26,800 doses in August 2021 and 7,000 doses in December 2021. The Government of Japan has been supporting Tonga's National Development and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines by the provision of vaccines and vehicles for transportation. This additional provision of the AZ vaccines will enable Tonga to achieve their national target of vaccination, that is 70 % of the total population fully vaccinated. Japan is greatly pleased to be able to contribute their achievement. Japan hopes that all eligible people should be fully vaccinated as soon as possible and protect yourselves and your families from the threat of COVID-19.

The Government of Japan is continuously committed to assist Tonga for their vaccination work as well as recovery effort from the volcanic eruption and tsunami in various ways.

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