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Japan's Emergency Grant Aid handed over to NEMO

H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga handed over canned fish (15 tons in total) to Hon. Poasi Tei, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for MEIDECC on Thursday, 26 May 2022.

This assistance delivered as a part of Japan's relief supplies committed after Tonga's January 15th disaster.

H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA said the canned food assistance, valued at 1.2million US dollars, is funded by Japan's Emergency Grant Aid and provided by the World Food Programme. NEMO will facilitate distribution of the donation and His Excellency applauded NEMO's hard work and devotion. "I am very happy and proud of the fact that Japan has supported NEMO's activities over the years. I hope today's provision also equips NEMO to further promote their services and further enhance its reputation in this Kingdom."

The Ambassador shared his experiences that he joined NEMO's distribution to the households in affected villages of 'Ahau, Kanokupolu and Ha'atapu in February. "I was devastated to see the miserable state of our previously-beautiful villages after the tsunami. In some areas, everything was not only completely destroyed but lost indefinitely. However, I saw people with smiles on their faces helping each other, it was such an inspirational scene of moving forward with courage. That is the Tongan spirit of never being defeated and the ability to overcome any difficulty," the Ambassador said.

Hon. Poasi Tei, appreciated the continuous support from the people and Government of Japan. He thanked the Ambassador and said Japan was amongst the first countries to assist Tonga soon after the disaster of January, 15.

The 15 tons (75,024 cans) of canned mackerel made in Japan are ideal preserved food for any disaster.

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H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku with Hon. Poasi Tei Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for MEIDECC with the donated canned fish funded by Japan's Emergency Grant Aid handed over to Tonga' NEMO on May 26th



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Testing of the donated canned fish by H.E Mr. MUNENAGA and Hon. Poasi Tei



H.E Mr. MUNENAGA and Hon. Poasi Tei with CEO Paula Ma'u and Counsellor Mr. Daishoji Toshiyuki .