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NPGA Handover to Tonga's Ministry of Health

H. E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga handed over two ambulances and medical equipment funded through Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid Assistance, NPGA, to Tonga's Ministry of Health on Friday, 9 June 2023. Hon. Dr. Saia Ma'u Piukala, Minister for Health received them.

This provision of Japan's NPGA is the third and final batch of a \$1.5million US dollars assistance of anti-COVID-19 medical equipment agreed in 2020, which includes 2 new ambulances, 13 medical waste containers, 6 electrocardiograms, 3 ICU beds, 8 stretchers, 10 wheel chairs, 20 IV stands and 8 syringe pumps. The first batch was handed over in May 2021, and the second batch was handed over in April 2022. The assistance aims to strengthen the Ministry's medical system to tackle various diseases with high quality medical equipment made in Japan.

"Today's medical equipment will definitely play a vital role in Tonga's medical system and together with daily efforts by people it will help to promote good health through a firm determination," said Ambassador MUNENAGA in his keynote address. He assured that Japan will continue to support the Ministry of Health for the people's health in the Kingdom.

Hon. Dr. Saia Ma'u Piukala thanked the Government of Japan for continuous assistance which will not only enable the Ministry to provide better services, "but will make a difference in delivering a better services to the People of Tonga," he said.

Japan's NPGA intends to support developing countries by promoting its economic and social development efforts, and Tonga's Ministry of Health has been a recipient for many years.

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Attached: Photos



H.E Mr. MUNENAGA, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga and Hon. Dr. Saia Ma'u Piukala with part of the medical equipment handed over through Japan's NPGA to Tonga's Ministry of Health on Friday, 9 June 2023.



Two brand new Ambulances donated through Japan's NPGA to the Ministry of Health.

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