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Japan formalized GGP assistance to Tonga Airports Limited

The Grant Contract to formalize a Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, GGP from the Government of Japan to Tonga Airports Limited was signed on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, in Fua'amotu International Airport

H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga, formalized the assistance with Mr. Edgar Cocker, Chief Executive Officer, Tonga Airports Limited. Members of the Board of Directors for Tonga Airports were also present at the ceremony.

“The provision of this new chemical fire truck exemplified the strong bond between our two nations and our shared commitment to enhancing safety and emergency preparedness. Ensuring constant readiness with a fire truck stationed at Ha’apai Airport to deal with any emergencies during flight operations is of the most importance,” said the Ambassador, H.E. Mr. INAGAKI

He hopes that Japan’s GGP will continue to play an important role in building stronger and more resilient societies in the Kingdom, and that the warm and close friendship between Japan and Tonga will continue to be enriched by the cooperation.

Tonga Airports Limited sought Japan’s assistance in prioritizing efficient services and enhancing emergency preparedness at the airport for Tonga. The fire truck will be stationed at Ha’apai airport, which currently lacks the capacity for emergency response vehicles.

Mr. Michael Bloomfield, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors thanked the people and Government of Japan for their generous donation, which will benefit Tonga Airports Limited but the community as a whole.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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PROJECT FACTSHEET:

1) Project Title	The Project for the Procurement of Secondhand Fire Truck for Ha'apai Airport
Grant Amount	USD \$ 61,340
Project Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 Fire truck (including pumps)-

Photos:



H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga with Mr. Edgar Cocker, CEO of Tonga Airports Limited signed the GGP assistance for a fire truck for Ha'apai Airport.

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GGP signing ceremony for Tonga Airports, 12 February 2025 at Fuaʻamotu Airport.