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Japan's Grant Aid Handover to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests

His Excellency Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga, handed over three Toyota Land Cruisers funded through Japan's Economic and Social Development Programme, to Tonga's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests, on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

The Toyota Land Cruisers are brand-new and are the first batch of the grant aid for the Ministry formalized in 2024, aimed at promoting economic and social development.

H.E. Mr. INAGAKI, in addressing the occasion, reiterated that agriculture is the backbone of Tonga's economy and that its promotion is crucial. "Boosting this sector is vital from the perspective of food security and reducing dependence on imports."

With Tonga facing severe and potentially prolonged droughts, which could place growing pressure on food production and public health, the Ambassador emphasized, "Japan also places great importance on resilience against natural disasters as well as sustainable food security systems against climate-induced disruptions."

Hon. Viliami Sisifa acknowledged the assistance from the people and Government of Japan. "These vehicles represent far more than an addition to the Ministry's fleet; they are practical tools that will strengthen our ability to serve our people and contribute to a safer, more productive, and more resilient agricultural and food sector."

In addition to the vehicles handed over on this occasion, Japan's grant aid to MAFF includes equipment for processing crops such as washers, freeze dryers, slicers, packaging machines as well as forklifts, which are expected to arrive early next year.

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Attached: Photos



The handover of Japan's grant aid to Tonga's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests on Thursday, 8th October 2026.



H.E. Mr. INAGAKI commissioned the brand-new vehicles handed over to Tonga's MAFF.



The handover ceremony at the MAFF Headquarter at Queen Salote Wharf.



The vehicles for the development of MAFF funded by Japan's grant-aid.