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**Signing Ceremony of  
JAPAN'S GRANT AID FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME (ESDP)**

**Auckland, NEW ZEALAND**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024, the signing ceremony took place for a grant aid of one hundred and thirty-two million Japanese Yen (¥132,000,000), approximately 1,530,000 NZ dollars under Japan's Grant Aid for Economic and Social Development Programme. The exchange of Notes were signed and exchanged between Honourable Mr Dalton Tagelagi, Premier of Niue and His Excellency Mr OSAWA Makoto, Ambassador of Japan to Niue at the Consulate-General of Japan in Auckland.

This year's Programme has the same focus area of disaster management as in 2018, and Japan has provided disaster preparedness and disaster response equipment.

His Excellency Mr OSAWA Makoto, Ambassador of Japan to Niue said, "Next year will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Niue, I strongly wish that this programme will improve recovery efforts when needed along with enhancing well-being among the people and communities of Niue.

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi stated "The grant Aid for Economic and Social Development from Japan underscores the enduring strength of our partnership and friendship. Having just returned from PALM10 and the opening of our Honorary Consul in Japan, I want to express my appreciation for Japan's unwavering support. This assistance will significantly aid us in achieving our development aspirations."

Ambassador OSAWA concluded his remarks by sincerely wishing that this programme would be successfully completed with cooperation and he hoped that this would also become another symbol of the friendship and cooperation between Japan and Niue.

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