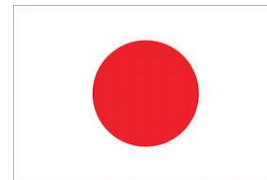


## Press Release

Embassy of Japan to Niue



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### **Signing Ceremony of JAPAN'S GRANT FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMME**

**Wellington, NEW ZEALAND**

On 21 June 2018, the signing ceremony took place for a grant aid of one hundred million (¥100,000,000) Japanese Yen in fiscal year 2018 for Japan's Economic and Social Development Aid Programme. The grant is the first of its type to be given since Japan and Niue established diplomatic relations in 2015.

The grant will be used for a project to procure heavy machineries such as dump trucks, wheel loaders and excavators as part of the key goals of national development to enhance efforts to build resilient infrastructure for disaster risk reduction for Niue in 2016-20, which was also a part of Japan's commitment at the Eighth Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8) held in Japan in May 2018.

The Ambassador expressed his sincere wishes for the successful completion of the project, which he hoped will be an enduring symbol of the continued friendship between the people of Japan and Niue.

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