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Japan funds barges and aquaculture equipment

Japan is committed to providing continued assistance for Nauru's sustainable development

The Government of Japan officially transferred ownership of two new pusher barges to Nauru at a ceremony held at the Anibare Community Boat Harbour, last week 21 February.

Ambassador of Japan Mr Takuji Hanatani was on Nauru for the official handover of pusher barges as well as the transfer of aquaculture equipment for Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA).

The assistance is worth approximately AUD\$3.7 million and was funded through Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA).

"I am pleased to say that the Government of Japan provided 300-million Japanese yen, approximately AUD\$3.75-million to the Government of Nauru for the purchase of sea mules and aquaculture equipment," Ambassador Hanatani said.

Ambassador Hanatani added that the addition of two barges will raise the efficiency of the Aiwo boat harbour's



Japan donation of barges will facilitate faster turnaround at the Nauru port

cargo and vessel handling capabilities.

"I wish to reaffirm Japan's commitment to providing continued assistance for the sustainable development of Nauru," the Ambassador said.

Minister for Nauru Port Authority Honourable Tawaki Kam acknowledged the Ambassador and his country for the generous support to Nauru.

"These two pusher work boats will improve our operations in transferring

cargo from ship to shore and back loading of cargo from shore to ship which means a faster turnaround time for cargo ships and potential savings in operational costs," Minister Kam said.

Minister Kam thanked Ambassador Hanatani for being able to personally attend on behalf of the Japanese government.

"We are privileged that you have made time in your busy schedule to officially handover the pusher work boats to Nauru Port Authority," Minister Kam said.

The Minister for NFMRA Honourable Shadlog Bernicke also offered his thanks to the Japanese government assistance of 100-million Japanese yen to purchase machinery and equipment for fisheries research and aquaculture.

The ceremony ended with a prayer and an inspection of the aquaculture equipment and barges by His Excellency Baron Waqa, members of parliament and the public.

Public service leads efforts against dengue outbreak

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The Nauru Health Department declared a dengue outbreak last weekend 25 February and moved swiftly to manage its spread with the initial coordinated assistance of the departments of Chief Secretary and Education.

Following a meeting with the Chief Secretary, Secretary for Education, Human Resource, and respective staff, a weeklong National Cleaning Drive was announced through the media by Chief Secretary Bernard Grundler. The National Cleaning Drive runs from 1-8 March.

The public service is taking the lead in the cleaning drive with employees released from work one hour early at 4pm each day in order to go home and clean their home environment or compound, thus eliminate mosquitoes and their breeding grounds.

Mr Grundler further advised all government employees to take part in a cleaning drive around all government buildings on Friday 3 March from 3pm.

Deputy Secretary for Health and Director Public Health Dr Olayinka Ajayi and public health staff made a series of media announcements over the week keeping the public informed of the situation.

"While dengue fever is still in the outbreak stage it is controlled but we should not take it lightly. We should still take every precaution to prevent mosquito bites and infection," Dr Olayinka Ajayi said.

Dr Ola advises that Naeoro Public Health has taken steps to counter infections and while there are new cases, the numbers are much less than expected.

Public health targets dengue hotspots

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Eight wellness centres have been set up around the island and with extended operating hours.

Public health has taken a series of steps to address and control the spread of dengue fever by way of promoting awareness; expanding services with the setup of wellness centres around the island; expansion of outpatient services with a dedicated section for children; readiness for public health centre to also serve as a backup hospital if needed; aggressive source reduction; coordinated multi-sectoral response by health, Chief Secretary's department and other government departments, Australian companies and agencies; the Australian and Taiwan diplomatic offices; as well as regional support from the World Health Organisation, United Nations Development program, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

The aggressive source reduction of mosquitoes include clean-up campaigns such as the National Cleaning Drive, targeted clean-up of hotspots, island wide spraying and fogging, introduction of larvicide use for household water tanks, and targeted spraying and fogging of key institutions such as schools, play centres, hospitals, and government offices.

The Public Health Department issued statements and flyers over the past two weeks advising the public of dengue and to take extra precautions.

The health messages warn of the seriousness of dengue and to look out for signs and symptoms as well as encourage the use of mosquito repellent, and prevention and control such as to avoid insect bites, keep mosquitos out of homes by use of screens on windows and doors and use repellent, to destroy all stagnant water and to maintain clean compounds•

No Mosquito = No Dengue

COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTRES -

If you show signs and symptoms of dengue or are concerned, go immediately to a wellness centre.

The community wellness centres are open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat-Sun 9am-1pm.

Anibare 5573933 - located at Anibare boat harbour

Menen 5573931 - located at Menen Hall

Yaren 5572924 - located near Police Station

Buada 5573915 - located at Buada Chapel hall

Location 5573930 - locate at old teashop

Denig 5573072 - Naoero Public Health Centre

A clinic is also at the RPC's IHMS clinic and at the RON Hospital IHMS clinic

WARNING SIGNS OF DENGUE FEVER

Fever for few days, rash (red spots) especially in infants and person under 15 years, joint pains, eye pain, muscle aches. Dengue with warning signs that needs you to go to the hospital or your wellness centre includes abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, extreme weakness, restlessness, and bleeding from nose or mouth.

Japan formalises assistance for waste segregation project

His Excellency President Baron Waqa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Japan Ambassador Takuji Hanatani formalising a community based waste segregation project, 20 February.

The Government of Japan will provide assistance under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) program worth AUD\$64,275 to Nauru's Department of Commerce, Industry and Environment (CIE) as the agency responsible for overseeing the management of the project.



President Waqa and Japan's Ambassador Hanatani sign MOU for waste segregation project

President Waqa signed the MOU in his capacity as Minister for CIE while earlier that day, acting Secretary for CIE Mavis Depaune signed the agreement on behalf of CIE as the responsible agency.

The funds will go towards the effective segregation of waste as well as the construction of a waste segregation facility and provision of a glass crusher, can baler, two trailers and 1000 woven polypropylene bags that will be used to separate plastic bottles, aluminium cans, glass, paper and cardboard.

"Unaddressed waste accumulation means high levels of health risks and contamination, by managing and possibly creating avenues of recycling can rapidly address these negative impacts. Small steps like the Japan Government project can make a big impact if we all partake in it," said Ms Depaune.

Nauru is facing waste management challenges as household waste and various other waste products are dumped at the island's dumpsite without further processing.

The rubbish segregation building will be located at the current dumpsite.

The NRC has tried to segregate recyclable products but have found it difficult to do so.

The implementation of the waste segregation project will enable the Department of CIE to provide Nauruans with a safer and more sanitary environment with appropriate waste management facilities.

The GGP program is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP program in Nauru has been implemented in areas such as water supply, transportation and fishery since 2006. To date, about 15 projects have been implemented under the GGP program which amount to an approximate value of USD1.3-million•

President receives Israel ambassador Schlosser

The Ambassador-designate to Nauru Mr Tibor Shalev Schlosser presented his credentials to His Excellency President Baron Waqa, last week 22 February.

On arrival at the government office Mr Schlosser met with Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Trade Michael Aroi before being received by the Commissioner of Police for the playing of the national anthems and inspection of the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour.

Mr Schlosser was then escorted to the Office of the President for the presentation of credentials.

The Ambassador said he is honoured to be the ambassador of Israel to the Republic of Nauru and looks forward to the challenge.

A private meeting ensued following the presentation of the Letter of Credence and gift by Ambassador Schlosser. Mr Schlosser continues courtesy calls on Speaker of Parliament Cyril Buramen, Cabinet Ministers, the Australian High Commissioner, Taiwan Ambassador, Secretary for Health, over the next two days.

President Waqa will host a dinner reception in honour of Mr Schlosser the same evening, 22 February.



Israel Ambassador Schlosser meets President Waqa to present his Letter of Credence

During the Ambassadors six day visit, he had the opportunity to visit the Culture office, escorted on a tour of the phosphate mining by the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation, enjoyed a fishing charter, and toured the Republic of Nauru hospital.

The Ambassador was on island from 19 to 24 February•

Cabinet approves funeral and burial policy

A policy to address the processes of funerals and burials on Nauru has come into effect to guide and ensure proper consideration of the burial of a loved one and associated health issues. The policy was approved by Cabinet resolution on 16 February 2017.

The policy addresses the established framework and proper processes, and the collective responsibilities of the various government agencies responsible in implementing the proper process in a sensitive and sustainable method to ensure the proper process of issuing a death certificate, the release of the funeral fund entitlement, the burial place and excavation of the same; and if cremation is the choice of the deceased or his/her family, is carried out properly and appropriately.

All deaths must be registered with the office of Births Deaths and Marriages (BDM) for a death certificate to be issued hence enables the release of the funeral fund and funeral service to proceed.

The government is mindful of the sensitivities around the loss and burial of a loved one, however also looks beyond the tragedy of the loss to the practicalities for health, family land space for homes, and infrastructure for development such as schools, offices, businesses and the like.

The Cemeteries Act 1922 designated five areas around the island to be used as burial grounds, and with the cemeteries at full capacity, there is now the rising practice of people burying their loved ones beside the homes posing various risks to human health and ground water contamination.

Except in exceptional circumstances the transportation of the deceased's body is made between 7am and 6pm. Burials must not take place after 6pm.

The deceased does not remain at home for more than 12 hours. If the family is not prepared to bury the deceased within this

timeframe, the body must be returned to the morgue until time of burial.

Where the body is taken home the day before the funeral, the burial must take place by 10am the following day.

Burials outside family homes if approved under extraordinary circumstances will only be a temporary measure until a burial plot is located at a cemetery. Government will be empowered to exhume the remains and relocate the remains to the appropriate identified burial plot.

Other sensitive issues associated with burial on family land is disputes amongst family members on which the deceased is buried, hence restrict other family member to visit the grave. There have also been cases when the deceased is buried on land not belonging to him/her or the family.

Home burials also hinder day to day activities and obstruct the required digging and pipe laying works for underground sewage pipeline and reticulation process.

The funeral fund entitlement of \$2000 is given to assist with the funeral preparations and is provided for Nauruan nationals only that have died and are buried in Nauru. Stillbirths are required by law to be registered in the BDM registry, and are entitled to a funeral fund of \$1000.

The Funeral Committee assess applications by people seeking permission for a burial outside their homes. The Committee sets the criteria for burial applications; review and determine whether the application fulfils the criteria; and make recommendations to the President about the appropriateness of the application and the burial outside family homes.

The Committee comprises the Registrar of BDM, Director of Lands & Survey, and Public Health Inspector.

The establishment of this Committee does not mean it is acceptable for any deceased to be buried outside their homes•

Taiwan technical mission open day

The Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) hosted an open day for President of Nauru Excellency Baron Waqa and parliamentary members at the Anabar farm, last week 21 February.

The open day was organised to showcase two new tunnel type greenhouses which is expected to add gains to agricultural activities at the farm.

Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Joseph Chow officially opened the tour with a briefing of the activities at the Anabar farm.

Ambassador Chow explained that “the main purpose of the technical mission being in Nauru is to enhance the agricultural cooperation between Taiwan and Nauru and to work together to reach a sustainable development goal.”

Ambassador Chow also highlighted that there are two ongoing projects on the farm namely the vegetable production and nutrition enhancement project.

“I would like to thank the Nauru government for providing for the land for TTM to use it,” Ambassador Chow said.

The Ambassador also encouraged local Nauruans to come to the farm and learn the skills on how to grow their own vegetables and raise their own chickens for eggs.

The tour got underway with an inspection of the two newly erected greenhouses as well as the chicken houses and piggery.

His Excellency Baron Waqa expressed his appreciation to the TTM team and their work.

“It’s an eye opener for a lot of us... but now we are able to appreciate more with our brief tour here,” President Waqa said.

The new greenhouses with its open sided design will expel the heat and allow for the cool ocean breeze to pass through the greenhouse keeping the crops cool.



President Baron Waqa leads the viewing of the Taiwan farm in Anabar

The farm produced 5,592kg of vegetables and approximately 3000 eggs in 2016. The eggs were supplied to the ten schools around Nauru.

The TTM currently has two farms operating located in Buada and Anabar.

The purpose of the TTM is to enhance technical cooperation between Nauru and Taiwan, especially in the area of agriculture science. At present, TTM combines technical cooperation with horticulture and livestock to enhance school children and national nutrition.

Through vegetable production and the Nutrition Enhancement Project, TTM grows vegetables and fruits and promotes the home garden to increase the local vegetable production and fresh vegetables intake, and promotes the production of compost to enhance soil fertility.

The TTM’s farm in Anabar covers 2000 square meters while the Buada farm covers 800 square meters. The crops planted on the farms include cherry tomatoes, cucumber, eggplant, Chinese cabbage, lettuce, asparagus bean, water spinach, okra, sweet potato, sweet corn, pumpkin, papaya, cabbage and cauliflower•

Advisor to West Papua meets President Waqa



Solomon Islands Strategic Adviser to West Papua Fe'iloaitau Tevi meets President Waqa on his pacific tour of the PICWP

The Solomon Islands Strategic Adviser to West Papua- Mr. Fe'iloaitau Tevi visited Nauru from the 26 Feb to 01 March 2017 as part of a Pacific Tour to visit the member countries of the Pacific Islands Coalition for West Papua (PICWP), of which Nauru is a member.

On Monday 27 February, Mr Tevi called on His Excellency President to update the President on the progress that has been made since the last meeting of the PICWP, as well as solicit endorsement of a common statement on the human rights violations in West Papua, to the High Level segment of the Human Rights Council in Geneva at the end of March •

- News in brief -

Correction in article titled *PIDF holds national consultations*, in Nauru Bulletin #03/151, page 1. The word ‘Fund’ mentioned in Pacific Islands Development Fund (PIDF) should be ‘Forum’.

The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) donated dengue fever test kits to the health public health as part of the national effort to curb the spread of the dengue virus.

Taiwan Ambassador Joseph Chow presented the 200 kits to President Baron Waqa at the Office of the President on 2 March. The kits are already in use at the Nauru hospital.

Introducing the Chief Secretary's department

Get to know your government departments.

A new office will feature in this space each publication.

The Department of Chief Secretary comprises the sections of – Secretariat; Presidency and Ministerial; Human Resources and Labour (HRL); Administration and Operations; Births, Deaths and Marriages Registry.

Some of these sections have other offices under them. Presidency and Ministerial has the office of GIO and the units of Training and Development (TD). Under the HRL section comes Employee Relations(ER); Recruitment, Selection and Monitoring (RSM) and; Salaries and Employee benefits (SEB).

The Chief Secretary is the employer of the Nauru Public Service and is the highest office in the Public Service with powers to appoint public servants; exercise disciplinary control over them and remove them from office. The various sections are implementing agencies.

The Secretariat administers the workflow of the Office of the Chief Secretary. Presidency and Ministerial is tasked with administrative and operational duties at that level.

The Administration section manages the daily operations of staff requirements such as government vehicles, expatriate staff housing, office cleaning and maintenance.

The Human Resources division is responsible for all staff employment issues, policies, staff recruitment, disciplines, contracts, and remunerations. It plays a leading role in areas such as reforms and governance and development, strategic utilization of employees to serve and accomplish business goals.

The Births Deaths and Marriages Registry is responsible for all registrations of births, deaths and marriages, and production and publication of the Government Gazette.

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The HR and BDM sections will be featured in the next edition, #5, 2017.

The Presidency and Ministerial sections were featured in edition #3, 2017•



Left Photo: Chief Secretary Bernard Grundler with the secretariat staff. Right Photo: Secretary for Admin Angelo Dimapilis (R) with his admin staff



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