

## **Press Release**

### **Japan Provides Fire Engines To Civil Protection Authority in Lautem and Dili**

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On February 12, 2025, a signing ceremony for a grant contract for The Project for the Reuse of Secondhand Fire Engines in Lautem and Dili Municipalities was held at the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste. The assistance is provided through Japan's development assistance scheme "Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)."

The contract was signed between H.E. Mr. KIMURA Tetsuya, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste, and the representative of the Civil Protection Authority, the implementor of the project. H.E. Mr. Domingos Mariano Reis, Secretary of State of Civil Protection, H.E. Mr. Mélio de Jesus, President of Municipal Authority of Lautem, and the community leaders attended the ceremony.

Civil Protection Authority will be provided with the fine secondhand fire engines in Lautem and Dili Municipalities, with a funding amount of USD 333,987, from the Government of Japan. Through its development assistance scheme, Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), the Government of Japan has provided a total of nine fire engines in the past. This time, it plans to provide 2 fire trucks with pump, tank truck, ladder truck and tank truck for drinking water.

Ambassador Kimura stated that "the Embassy of Japan has been working closely with the Civil Protection Authority, CPA, that is directly responsible for protecting security and their livelihood of the people in Timor-Leste. I hope that fire-related incidents or disaster will not occur, but if it happens, please efficiently use the fire engines provided by the project signed today to save people and their property. I would like to say that we will continue to cooperate with the CPA and the people of Timor-Leste in emergency response and disaster risk reduction by sharing our experience and knowledge.

The Government of Japan has been actively implementing a wide range of projects in Timor-Leste, from large-scale infrastructure development and industrial support to smaller-scale projects that directly benefit local communities.

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