

SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR SHINYA AOKI ON THE OCCASION OF
THE HANDOVER CEREMONY OF
THE PROJECT FOR PROVIDING FIRE ENGINE OF FALEOLO STATION
Under
JAPAN’S GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR GRASSROOTS HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS
(GGP)
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Minister of Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority and Deputy Prime
Minister, Hon. Fiame Naomi Mata’afa
Honourable Cabinet Ministers and Associate Ministers
Chairman of the Board of Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority,
Leta’a Daniel Devoe
Commissioner of Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority, Lelevaga
Fa’afouina Mupo
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning and Talofa Lava!

I am delighted to represent the Government of Japan in the Handing Over of five used fire fighting trucks to the Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority (SFESA).

I am thankful to you all who are present here to witness this ceremony.

Japan is pleased to assist SFESA once again to enhance the standards of their vital services across Samoa.

These used five units of fire fighting trucks consists of one pumper fire truck with tank, one water tank truck, one rescue truck and two fire pumper trucks all provided under Japan’s ongoing scheme namely Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects or GGP in short.

Last year, a grant of up to eighty eight thousand, eight hundred and nineteen (\$88,819) US dollars was signed over to the authority for purchasing, reconditioning and shipment of these five units.

I am happy to see that the requested project is successfully completed and to be able to handover these fire trucks is a fruit of efforts and goodwill of the coordination partnership between Japan and Samoa.

Japan’s GGP programme aligns with Samoa’s national plan, Strategy for the Development of Samoa or SDS to assist areas across Samoa that is in much need of improvement.

This programme was introduced here in 1991 which was designed and founded on the concept of Human Security.

We have repeatedly assisted the authority with upgrading their fleet, it is evidently that this project is an accomplishment towards improving access to fire services and to expedite the services during times of tragedy.

This project will not only benefit the people of Samoa whose lives and properties will be saved but will also enhance the capacity of SFESA workers who will handle the technical operation of the vehicles.

I am hopeful that the authority will ensure the effective and efficient management of these units so that they can serve many people and communities for many years to come.

I am confident that the assistance we are providing through this project will further strengthen the cordial relationship that exists between Japan and Samoa.

Finally, with those few words I congratulate you all on the Handing Over of these five used firefighting trucks.

Fa'afetai Lava. (Thank You)