

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for
The Project for the Procurement of Garbage Trucks for Punta GordaTown

On September 26th, 2019, the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for “The Project for the Procurement of Garbage Trucks for Punta Gorda Town” took place in Belmopan City, Belize. Under this project, The Japanese Government donates the funds of USD 202,500 to Punta Gorda Town Council to procure garbage trucks.

Mr. Hiroyuki Kubota, Ambassador of the Embassy of Japan in Belize emphasized that the waste problem is a common issue in the world, and evaluates the leadership of Mayor McKenzie who participated in the JICA training on waste management and also stated that he would like to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries, especially at the grassroots level.

Punta Gorda Town has been facing a serious problem of waste management. With the existing aged garbage trucks, which often break down for days, handling garbage collection of the entire town was frequently interrupted. It caused serious adverse effects on health and safety of the people in the township. The town, as it locates on shore and has hilly hinterland, also has challenges of washed away debris such as large branches of trees on shore and streams.

Through this project, Punta Gorda Town Council will procure garbage trucks so that Citizens of Punta Gorda Town will benefit from the effective measures to solve the town’s waste problem.

Mayor Ashton McKenzie stated that this support of the two garbage trucks and the knowledge he learned in the JICA training program in Japan is a wonderful combination to provide a better service of waste management in Punta Gorda Town and expressed his deep appreciation for the support from the Japanese government and the People of Japan.



Mr. Kubota's remarks



Mayor Ashton McKenzie expressed his appreciation for The People and The Government of Japan



Mr. Kubota and Mayor McKenzie signed the Grant Contract.



Mayor McKenzie and Ambassador Kubota.



Interview by media



A section of the audience from Punta Gorda Town in attendance at the ceremony