



**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project  
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for  
The Project for the Improvement of Emergency Response Transportation at the  
Southern Regional Hospital**

On the 11th of March, 2021, a grant contract signing ceremony for “the Project for the Improvement of Emergency Response Transportation at the Southern Regional Hospital” was held at the Southern Regional Hospital in Dangriga.

Ambassador Iryu expressed his sincere gratitude to all health care professionals, Southern Regional Hospital staff, and the Ministry of Health and Wellness officials who are at the forefront of fighting the new coronavirus infection. He pointed out that the Government of Japan would continue to support the health sector in Belize as top priority, and procurement of the two ambulances through this project would enhance the bonds of friendship between Japan and Belize.

The Honourable Michel Chebat, Minister of Health and Wellness mentioned that procurement of the two ambulances not only would contribute to establishing and improving the local medical system but also would give aspirations to the medical facilities in this difficult situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. He extended his deep appreciation to the Government of Japan as well as people of Japan while highlighting that the ambulances would be used with great care in the future.



Ambassador Iryu signing the grant contract



Dr. Gutierrez, the Regional Health Manager of Southern Health Region, signing the grant contract



Handing over a check to the hospital

From right to left: The Hon. Chebat (Minister of Health and Wellness), Dr. Gutierrez (Regional Health Manager), and Ambassador Iryu



Scene of the ceremony

From right to left: The Hon. Chebat (Minister of Health and Wellness), Dr. Gutierrez (Regional Health Manager), The Hon. Ferguson (Minister of Public Utilities and Logistics), and Ambassador Iryu