

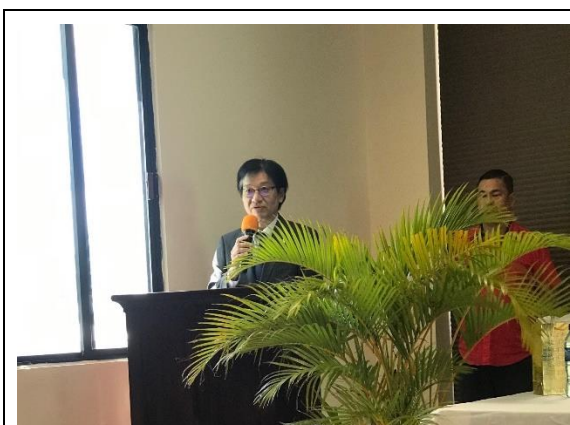
**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for**  
**The Project for Procurement of Garbage Trucks**  
**for San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town**

Two Garbage Trucks for San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council will be donated by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony held on Friday, February 25, 2022, the Grant Contract Agreement under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador IRYU Kazuhiro and Mayor Earl Trapp of the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council in the amount of USD\$283,970 to purchase two garbage trucks. The Signing Ceremony was held at the San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council.

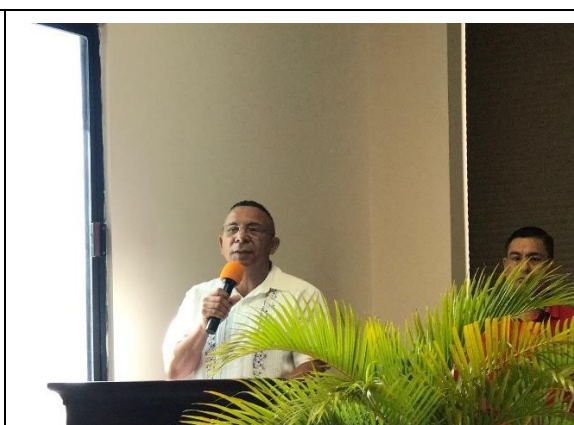
Ambassador Iryu said he was very pleased that this project under the Grass-Roots Human Security Project to support the improvement of waste management was officially started. He further emphasized that our partnership on this project gives clear indication that Japan and Belize are focused on resolving environmental issues such as waste management and combatting pollution, and both countries are proactive in implementing measures and actions to realize sustainable development goals (SDGs) indicated by the United Nations. He hoped that this project will greatly enhance the sanitary and safety standards and environmental protection in these towns with one of the largest population in Belize.

In understanding the highly important need for garbage trucks in San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town, Cayo District, the town had challenges with the issue of health hazards, potential risks as well as environmental and economic threats. As a result of this new garbage trucks, the Council and citizens from these towns will be able to achieve a better sanitary and healthy environment and it will lead to promoting the safety standards in the community.

Notable attendees included, His Worship, The Mayor, Mr. Earl Trapp, Deputy Mayor Mr. Matthew Preston, Councillors and Officials of the Town Council.



Keynote address from Ambassador Kazuhiro Iryu



Welcome address from Mayor Earl Trapp, San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council



Opening Remarks from Mr. Bernz Mendez, HR Manager, San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Omar Rodriguez, San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council



Ambassador Iryu and Mayor Trapp signed Grant Contract



Handing Over a check to San Ignacio and Santa Elena Town Council