

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony Held for
The Project for the Provision of Ambulances
at the Western Regional Hospital**

Two Ambulance for Western Regional Hospital will be donated by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony held on Monday, October 23, 2023, the Grant Contract Agreement under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador SHIRAKATA Nobuyuki and the Regional Health Manager, Dr. Franelda Gutierrez in the amount of USD\$212,058 to purchase two ambulances. The Signing Ceremony was held at the Western Regional Hospital.

Ambassador Shirakata mentions that this is the Embassy's first collaboration with the Western Regional Hospital and hopes that this project will produce very fruitful outcomes as the Government of Japan continues to partner with countries such as Belize for the further development of the Emergency Response for everyone. He also noted that the issues of human security projects especially in the area of health are particularly close to the Government and People of Japan as they understand the importance of having a viable health sector that effectively contributes to the socio-economic well-being for all citizens.

Notable attendees included, Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Julio Sabido, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Franelda Gutierrez, Regional Health Manager for the Western Region, and other Officials of the Western Regional Hospital .



Keynote address from Ambassador Nobuyuki Shirakata



Keynote address from Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness



Welcome Address from Dr. Franelda Gutierrez, Western Regional Health Manager



Vote of Thanks by Dr. Julio Sabido, CEO, Ministry of Health and Wellness



Ambassador Shirakata and Western Regional Health Manager, Dr. Gutierrez signed Grant Contract



Handing Over a check to Western Regional Hospital