

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project**  
**Handing Over Ceremony for**  
**The Project for Procurement of Garbage Trucks for Belize City**

The Handing over Ceremony was held at the Memorial Park in the Belize City on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. Purchased under our Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects Programme, one(1) new garbage truck was officially handed over to the Belize City Council.

Ambassador Shirakata noted in his remarks that when he became aware that the Belize City Council was plagued with a defective fleet of garbage trucks that led to unreliable collection of waste disposal services for over 60,000 residents, the Embassy entered the partnership under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots & Human Security Projects. The Ambassador indicated that it was an honour to be at the official handing over of one(1) of two(2) trucks to the Council and sincerely hoped that the dedicated efforts of the Belize City Council will produce very fruitful outcomes and be nurtured in the cooperative spirit of all the people involved.

Within the Belize City, improvement of health environment was a critical need due to fact that the citizens the had challenges with the issues of health hazards, other potential risks as well as environmental and economic threats. As a result of this new garbage truck, the people will achieve a better sanitary and healthy environment and it will lead to the promotion of the necessary safety standards in the community.

Notable attendees included; His Worship The Mayor Mr. Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor Mr. Allan Pollard, Councilors and other Officials of the City Council.



Keynote address from Ambassador Shirakata



Remarks from Mayor Bernard Wagner , Belize City Council



Welcome remarks by Councillor with Responsibility for Sanitation, Mr. Kaya Cattouse



Unveiling the new garbage truck with ribbon cutting



Officials in attendance at the ceremony



The New Garbage Truck