

**Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony Held for
The Project for the Provision of Ambulances
for the Northern Regional Hospital in Orange Walk Town**

One ambulance will be donated for the Northern Regional Hospital by the Government of Japan. At the ceremony held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the Grant Contract Agreement under the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project was signed between Ambassador Nobuyuki Shirakata and the Northern Regional Health Manager, Mr. Felix Rhaburn in the amount of USD\$103,850 to purchase one (1) ambulance. The signing ceremony was held at the Northern Regional Hospital.

In his keynote address, Ambassador Shirakata said that the Embassy of Japan is pleased to support the procurement of an ambulance for the Northern Regional Hospital, recognizing the significant population growth in the Orange Walk and Corozal districts over the past decade, which has increased the demand for health and ambulatory services. The Ambassador pledged that the Government of Japan will continue to work closely with Belizean counterparts in critical development areas such as health and emergency care response, which are critical pillars in materializing the human security concept.

Notable attendees included, Hon. Kevin Bernard, Minister of Health and Wellness, Mr. Felix Rhaburn, Northern Regional Health Manager, and staffs of the Northern Regional Hospital, and the media.



Keynote address by Ambassador Nobuyuki Shirakata



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



Welcome Address by Mr. Felix Rhaburn, Northern Regional Health Manager



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Alberto Gomez, Ag. Regional Hospital Administrator



Grant signing by Ambassador Shirakata and Mr. Felix Rhaburn



Handing over a check to Northern Regional Hospital