

Press Release

Japan provides medical equipment  
to strengthen the health sector of the Republic of Maldives



**Malé, October 18, 2017** – H. E. Mr. Kazumi Endo, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Maldives, handed over medical equipment costing approximately one hundred and three million five hundred and forty thousand (103,540,000) Japanese Yen, which is equivalent to approximately fourteen million two hundred and forty-six thousand three hundred and forty-four (14,246,344) Maldivian Rufiyaa, to H. E. Mr. Abdulla Nazim Ibrahim, Minister of Health, at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Health today. The equipment includes autoclaves, infant incubators, dental units and ventilators. The medical equipment would be utilized in the regional hospitals and selected health facilities of the Maldives.

The medical equipment is donated by Japan's non-project grant aid to the Ministry of Health, in line with the exchange of notes signed between the Government of Japan and the Republic of Maldives in December, 2013.

H. E. Mr. Kazumi Endo conveyed his sincere hope that this grant assistance from Japan would complement the efforts of the Ministry of Health under the energetic leadership of the Honourable Minister to enhance the services in the regional hospitals and contribute to the development of the health sector of the Republic of Maldives.

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