

Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for
The Project for the Procurement of Garbage Trucks for Corozal Town

On January 28th, 2020, the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for “The Project for the Procurement of Garbage Trucks for Corozal Town” took place in Belmopan City, Belize. Under this project, The Japanese Government donated funds in the amount of USD \$199,020 to Corozal Town Council to procure garbage trucks.

Mr. Hiroyuki Kubota, Ambassador of Japan in Belize stated that it is an obligation of both Japan and Belize to leave a beautiful environment for the next generation and to build a better future. He also explained that he is pleased to be able to address this important issue by supporting Belize, reforming solid waste management nationwide, at the local government level with a combination of Grass-roots Grant, JICA Volunteers and its Training Program at the local government level.

Corozal Town has been facing a serious problem of waste management. With the existing aged garbage trucks, which often break down for weeks, handling garbage collection of the entire town was frequently interrupted. It caused serious adverse effects on health and safety of the people in the township. Through this project, Corozal Town Council will procure garbage trucks so that Citizens of Corozal Town will benefit from the effective measures to solve the town’s waste problem.

Mayor Rigoberto Vellos expressed his deep appreciation for the support from the Japanese government and the People of Japan. He stated that this support will make a great contribution to maintaining Corozal as the most beautiful city and promised that he will maintain the donated trucks carefully and use them as long as possible. He also expressed his gratitude to JICA Volunteers who are assigned to the town to work on enlightening activities for environmental beautification.



Ambassador Kubota's remarks



Ambassador Kubota and Mayor Vellos signed the Grant Contract.



Mayor Vellos and Ambassador Kubota



From left: Councilor Mr. Rodolfo Narvaez, Town Administrator Ms. Claudet Grinage, Ambassador Kubota and Mayor Vellos.