

Press Release

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Japan Provides Water harvesting equipment to the Kingdom of Eswatini

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce its Grant aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini, to improve access to clean water and mitigate the effect of draught as to contribute to the economic and social development of the country.

Clean basic Water and Sanitation and Hygiene are of prime importance for human health and survival especially with the eruption of health pandemics like Covid-19. However, national coverage of water supply in Eswatini is about 58% of total homesteads. Due to non-functionality of some Rural Water Supply Scheme the overall reliable access to potable water in rural areas drops to 31% and about 69% of rural homesteads have no access to potable water. In response to this situation, the government of Japan has decided to provide several equipment including Water well rig, and Water supply tank to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

“The donation will ensure the residents of rural communities will have a more reliable water supply and will be better protected from infectious diseases such as Covid-19. I am convinced that this donation will provide reliable access to portable water for the people living in disadvantaged areas. It is my hope that this donation will bring significant change,” said H.E. Norio Maruyama – Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Signing Date: 10th February, 2021

Main commodity: Water well rig, Water supply tank, etc.

Grant Amount: JPY 200,000,000 (equivalent to about SZL 28.5million)

* There is no physical signing ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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We thank you for your continued support.

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