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Japan gives DoW Road Construction Machinery

The Works Department and the Japanese Government have entered into an exclusive deal for the latter to supply construction equipment to support the National Government's emphasis on road infrastructure.

On February 10th the first batch of road construction equipment landed at Lae Port destined for Morobe, Madang, East Sepik, West New Britain and Western Highlands provinces.

In all 48 pieces of earth moving and road construction equipment costing K23 million are being shipped to PNG.

This move complements the Government's policy emphasis on the development of transport infrastructure throughout the country. The Government in 2014 has allocated K1.3 billion towards the Works Department alone.

The Japanese Government has also undertaken to assist with a complementary capacity building program which has commenced this year.

These are part of the Government's move to revive and rejuvenate the once popular Plant & Transport Branch of the Works Department under the distinctive yellow color.

The landed equipment in Lae are awaiting customs clearance before they are shipped to their various destinations.

The Department is in the process of recruiting 48 operators for the machinery and they will be transported to Lae where they will undergo a two week equipment handling training commencing on February 24.

The landed machinery are undergoing customs clearance formalities presently.

The construction machinery was purchased under the Japanese Grant Aid through the Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) at a total cost of K23million. The Government of PNG provided counterpart funding of K2 million to upgrade workshop facilities to cater for the maintenance of the machinery.

A project agreement was signed in 2013 between the two Governments to build capacity for the Works Department over a four year period. A Draft work plan outlines the 2014 intended activities which will see consultants working closely with the department to revive and re-develop the PTB into a world class organisation for effective service delivery.

An further K10million has been allocated by the National Government to upgrade staff training, workshops facilities and equipment as counterpart funding.

Each of the pilot provinces will be given 12 pieces of machinery which include bulldozers, motor graders, excavators, frontend loaders, rollers and dump trucks.

The project agreement also highlights 6 components which are: Basic Policy of Project Implementation, Project Implementation Method, Works Schedule, Consultant Assignment Plan, Project Implementation Structure and Undertaking by the Papua New Guinean side.

These are yet to be discussed amongst stakeholders and partners before it can be fully implemented.

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