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Small but heartful donations-7 wheelchairs & 2 leg braces from Japanese citizens to PMGH's Physiotherapy Department

On Monday, April 4th, 2022, a donation ceremony took place at the Port Moresby General Hospital. These donations were requested by the Physiotherapy section of PMGH through JICA's "Smile for All in the World" Program. This is a goodwill donation by an eager Japanese citizen and a NGO "Go! Fly! Wheelchairs" which donated 7 x wheelchairs. Similar donations were also presented to Alotau and Popondetta Hospitals in the last 2 years.

JICA's "Smile for All in the world" program is a civil participatory donation scheme whereby ordinary citizens, NGOs or business houses in Japan have the opportunity to donate their used but workable items to third world countries where JICA volunteers work in and the local agencies who request for those particular items become the recipients.

Over the years, similar donations were made possible through the same, "Smile for All in the World" Program, i.e. wheelchair donations to Popondetta and Alotau Hospitals, sporting balls and other items donated to the National Fisheries College in Kavieng.

And early this year, two schools in Sogeri, Central Province were also recipients of sporting balls, musical instruments, and home economics sewing kits.

Message from Japanese citizen donor,

"This is my father's (personal leg braces), hopefully, it will be succeeded to someone who needs help."

JICA PNG office welcomes applications from JICA volunteer assigned organizations twice a year and facilitates the logistical support to ensure the items are received from Japan and gifted accordingly to respective requests. We look forward to more effective future collaboration.





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Current Donations - Feb.2022

- ① Iarowari Agro Technical Secondary
- Soccer balls x4
- Keyboard-Harmonica x7
- home economics sewing kits.



- 2 Sogeri Primary school
- Soccer balls x2
- Volleyball x2
- English-English Dictionary x1



Past Donations

- ③ Popondetta Provincial Hospital Jan.2021
 - wheelchairs x5



- 4 Alotau Provincial Hospital Feb.2020
 - wheelchairs x5



- **⑤** National Fisheries College-March.2021
- Soccer balls x6
 - Basketball x4 Valley ball x6
- Rugby ball x6

