

Japan assists Fire Service with engines, equipment

THE Papua New Guinea Fire Service received six fire engines and 70 pieces of firefighters' equipment in Port Moresby yesterday.

The Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects donated the engines and Australia assisted with the equipment.

Japan's deputy chief of mission in PNG Hiroshi Nawata said the engines were "very flexible and easy to park."

"It is suitable for reconditioning when it faces mechanical failures, which is one of the benefits for the country to maintain and keep using it for as long as it takes," he said.

"We hope these fire engines will not only address difficulties in fire but can be used appropriately in the years to come to show the PNG and Japan relationship."

Australian deputy high commissioner to PNG Caitlin Wilson said her country was committed to work hand in hand with PNG to help host events such as Apec 2018.

"There have been ongoing partnerships between Australia and PNG," Wilson said.

"That includes training arranged by Australian agencies both at the Commonwealth and State level, including capability enhancement, capacity building, and things needed for the Apec."



PNG Chief fire officer Bill Roo (from left), Japan's deputy chief of Mission in PNG Hiroshi Nawata and Apec Minister Justin Tkatchenko at the handover of the fire engines and equipment. – Nationalpic by LYPENSON SOWENI