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Solution. The Yokohama City Government of Japan turns over to the Cebu City Government, represented by Mayor Michael Rama (foreground), 10 new compactor trucks that are meant to improve the garbage collection system. (Sun.Star Foto/Allan Defensor)

GARBAGE collection in Cebu City should improve as the local government now has 10 new compactor trucks from Japan.

A delegation from the Yokohama City Government yesterday turned over the new trucks to Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama.

The trucks will be used and maintained by the City's Department of Public Services (DPS) for garbage collection.

DPS Chief Rolando Ardosa said that he does not know if the trucks would be distributed to the barangays.

General Services Office (GSO) head Dionesio Gualiza said that the trucks will improve the efficiency of the garbage collection, particularly in the urban barangays.

"Because they're smaller than our usual garbage trucks, these can be used to penetrate the interior areas where roads are narrow," he said.

The City's garbage collection became more challenging with the closure of the Inayawan Sanitary Landfill, because trucks of the barangays are unable to bring the wastes to a private landfill, located in an upland village in Consolacion.

The wastes collected from the barangays have to be transferred to DPS garbage trucks, which will bring the materials to Consolacion.

But many of the City's garbage trucks need repair.

"We have old compactor trucks but all are defective and are no longer in running condition," Gualiza said.

Cebu City Environment and Natural Resources Office Chief Randy Navarro said that the new trucks from Yokohama are more fuel-efficient.

But following the turnover of the new trucks, Councilor Sisinio Andales questioned the move of Mayor Rama to change the colors of the vehicles. Andales said that the painting job incurs additional cost to the City.

From blue, the compactors trucks were repainted green and yellow.

The mayor stressed that repainting the compactor trucks have the permission of the Yokohama City Government.

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