



VIPs line up in front of the newly-donated equipment.

Komol to Japan for loaders

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The significance of the handover of four safety loader trucks by the Japanese Non-Project Grant Aid for the Provision of Industrial Products to the Ministry of Public Works Monday is proof the bilateral relationship between RMI and Japan is unique.

During his remarks, Japan Ambassador to Marshall Islands Hideyuki Mistuoka noted that the industrial vehicles being donated were manufactured in the area of East Japan where the economy suffered greatly from the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami back in March, 2011. Regardless of that blow to the economy, Japan agreed to assist

Marshall Islands in its economic growth.

The safety loaders are part of a package that included eight excavators presented to public works during a christening ceremony in March 2015. The total cost of the donation is about US\$1.78 million.

Public Works Minister Tony Muller and President Dr. Hilda Heine expressed gratitude during the handover. Kwajalein leadership Senators Mike Kabua, Alvin Jacklick and David Paul personally extended their gratitude to Ambassador Mistuoka for recognizing the needs of Kwajalein as one of the three loaders is donated to KALGov.

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