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Japanese Ambassador His Excellency Higuchi Keiichi yesterday handed over an ambulance vehicle to the Fouabu Rural Health Clinic, West Kwaraae, Malaita Province. (PICTURED) His Excellence Higuchi Keiichi hands the ambulance key to representative of the Fouabu rural health clinic. More on page 5. PHOTO SUPPLIED

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JAPANESE Ambassador His Excellency Higuchi Keiichi yesterday handed over an ambulance vehicle to the Fouabu Rural Health Clinic, West Kwaraae, Malaita Province.

The handover marked a milestone achievement for the people of Fouabu, as it will solve their long-standing need of almost 10 years.

During the handover ceremony at Kiluufi Hospital yesterday, Mr Keiichi said he was very happy that the ceremony was graced and witnessed by many people who attended.

He said the project was funded by Japan's Grassroots and Human Security project, which cost thirty-one thousand three hundred and forty-six US dollars, approximately around SDB\$250,000.

"I am honoured to attend today's ceremony for handing over the ambulance for Fouabu Rural Health Clinic. I understand that this project was signed on October 18, 2024, between the Embassy of Japan and the Fouabu Rural Health Clinic while my Ambassador Miva was serving as Ambassador," he said.

"One of the priorities of the grassroots and human security scheme is to help meet human needs. We recognise that health is the foundation of human security. Without access to medical care, a community cannot thrive," he said.

He, however, thanked the people who spent their efforts to complete the project, though they have gone through many challenges.

"I would like to salute and commend the effort each one of these dedicated people made, who paved the way from the start to the completion of this project," he said.

Meanwhile, a Fouabu Chief, David Uma, acknowledged the government of Japan for seeing their needs and supporting them.

He said this is a huge achievement for them, as their needs will now be solved.

The Japanese team also visited the construction site of the new hospital building yesterday.