

# J-PRISM BUZZ No.1

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Ends in Success

by Dolly Autufuga

**T**he 1st Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries Phase II (J-PRISM II) Steering Committee Meeting was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from the 9th to the 11th of July 2017. The meeting consisted of eight countries (Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Federated States of Micronesia & Palau) with twenty-four total official participants and forty-three total official participants from the associated countries' organizations (SPREP, JICA, PacWaste, Waste Outlook & JICA Consultants). Total count of the meeting participants was over seventy.

**A** series of presentations on reports from the J-PRISM II Project Office, as well as challenges and lessons learnt from J-PRISM I from former Chief Advisor Mr. Shiro Amano and Assistant Chief Mr. Faafetai Sagapolutele, were presented during the first day of the meeting chaired by Mr. Chanel Iroi, Supervising Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster management and Meteorology (MECDM). The participants were also welcomed by Deputy Director General, Mr. Roger Cornforth and Japan Ambassador of Solomon Islands, H.E. Mr. Kenichi Kimiya.



Signing of Minute Meetings (L-R)- Roger Cornforth, Deputy DG of SPREP; Chanel Iroi, Supervising PS of MECDM; Satoshi Shigiya, Deputy DG of JICA; Junji Ishizuka, Chief Advisor of J-PRISM II

**B**riefing of Waste Management Situation and Activity Plan were also presented from the Micronesian, Melanesia and Polynesian Country Representatives. PacWaste Project Manager, Mr. Stewart Williams also had the opportunity to present briefing of EDF11 Project Concept. Special lectures on Solid Waste Management and the Fukuoka Method encountered by other countries were given out by the JICA Advisory Committee members; Dr. Sakurai, Dr. Matsufuji, Mr. Wakuta and Mr. Nishikawa. The meeting raised many questions and concerns from the project member countries.

**T**he first day meeting was closed by final remarks from Deputy Director General of JICA, Mr. Satoshi Shigiya, thanking the

Embassy of Japan and SPREP for the on-going support in implementing of J-PRISM II project in the Pacific region.

**F**ield visits to Saint Nicholas College (CSP site), Naha 3 Community (LEAF - NGO project site) and Ranadi Landfill commenced on the last day of the meeting. Much appreciation was shown by the participants and lessons learnt after the field visits.

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# About J-PRISM II

by Yasuko Onoue

**J**-PRISM II is the successor project of J-PRISM phase I, and consists of Regional Cooperation and Bilateral Cooperation activities in the target countries (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, and Republic of Vanuatu).

**I**n the Regional Cooperation, J-PRISM II is focusing on Pacific-to-Pacific Cooperation, such as:

- 1) Monitoring system development
- 2) Knowledge/skills exchanging program

(3) Disaster waste management

(4) 3R+Return system creation study.

**I**n the Bilateral Cooperation, country's project purpose and outputs are set for each target country to enhance human resources and institutional capacity.

\*RD is not signed with the Republic of Fiji as of November 2017

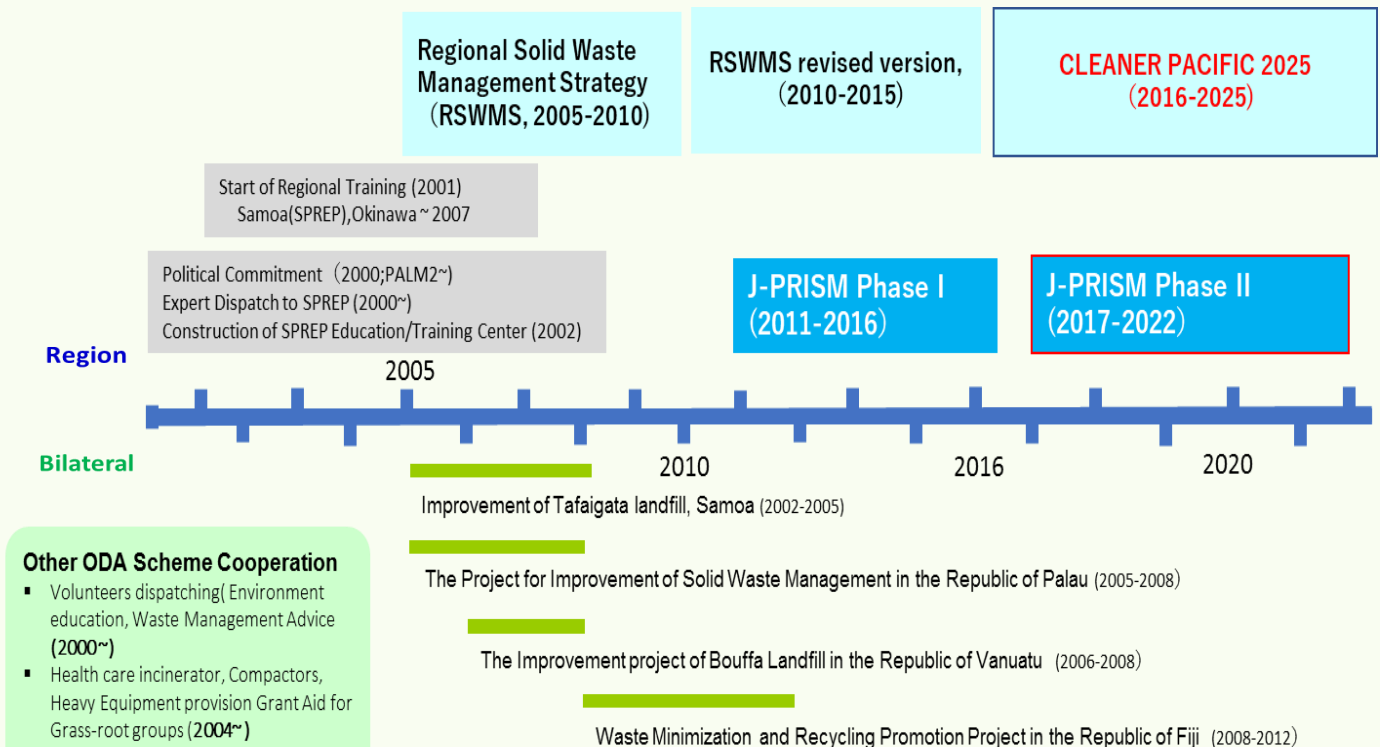


## J-PRISM

1st Phase Project of J-PRISM implemented in 11 Pacific Island Countries from 2012 to 2016. Website URL

<http://www.sprep.org/j-prism-2/home>

## JICA's initiative of solid waste management in Pacific region: Overview of History



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## Kosi Latu

Director General of Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP)



J-PRISM Phase 1, no doubt, provided a huge impact in the Pacific Region in terms of improving waste management practices. The technical capacity built around the delivery of proper waste services allowed countries to progress the achievement of a clean Pacific environment from a standpoint of environmental health and more so, human wellbeing.

We are so elated that, once again, SPREP would be a strong partner in the project

delivery of Phase 2 of J-PRISM. The strong partnership established some 15 years ago has blossomed and further enhanced the ability of SPREP and JICA to jointly deliver effective services to the Pacific region.. This has resulted in the creation of more opportunities for collaboration which will enable achieving the common vision of a cleaner Pacific environment.

Once again, we welcome you to the SPREP family!

## Junji Ishizuka

Chief Advisor of J-PRISM II PROJECT TEAM (Feb-Jul, 2017)

My role is to continuously develop a good working environment which above all colleagues of project office can fulfill their abilities and try to enhance the total capacity as a team at maximum.

I'd like to highlight the three mottos for the project once again which I raised in the beginning time, as follows.

Firstly to create open and functional office. Secondly to develop human resource and share in region. And thirdly, to design the project looking steadily at the sustainability after J-PRISM II.

I'd like to advance to 1st year's goal of project without losing sight to these mottos, always.



## Vicki Hall

Director of Waste Management & Pollution Control Division of SPREP



My role is to lead SPREP's work in waste management and pollution control, one of the most pressing environmental issues facing the Pacific region. I have the pleasure of working alongside a great team of experts in the delivery of Cleaner Pacific 2025, a comprehensive long-term strategy that provides a strategic management framework to address priority waste, chemicals and pollutants that threaten the wellbeing of Pacific Islanders and the environment on which

their way of life depends. Of course, this work wouldn't be possible without the wonderful collaborations and genuine partnerships from our counterparts in the Pacific region, nor the generous funding support of donors to roll out on-ground projects. Our long-term partnership with JICA of over 15 years has been instrumental in progressing the waste agenda in the Pacific and we look forward to continuing this productive relationship to great effect.

## Ma Bella Guinto

Solid Waste Management Adviser of Waste Management & Pollution Control Division of SPREP

Getting the opportunity to work with the Project Team towards the end of Phase 1 of J-PRISM provided me with a clear understanding of how technical cooperation in the Pacific Region works.

As the focal person at SPREP for this project, I can assure the project team and the counterparts of my unwavering co-operative support in delivering some of

the project components. In particular, I will work collaboratively with the team in the development and delivery of a waste monitoring mechanism to allow more informed decision-making.. This is apart from the usual assistance in waste policy/strategy development and other areas of solid waste operations.

Best wishes to the Project Team!



## Ichiro Kono

Team Leader/Solid Waste Management Expert for J-PRISM II (Micronesia Region)



I was involved in various solid waste management improvement projects in 17 countries.

My career as an engineer started from the field of hardware in terms of final disposal site design, collection and transportation planning and then to the field of software in terms of organizational system, legal

system and financial management.

I hope to contribute strongly in improving waste management in the Pacific Island Countries especially for the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands through my experience and knowledge.

## Junji Anai

Team Leader/Solid Waste Management Expert for J-PRISM II (Melanesia and Polynesia Region)

I served as a chief advisor in the technical cooperation project "Waste Minimization and Recycling Promotion Project in the Republic of Fiji" which was conducted by JICA from 2008 to 2011. This project was a successful example in the Pacific region. I believe that the reason for this success was that the counterparts of Lautoka and Nandi in Fiji

carried out the project as their own and they had a strong will to make their town clean and easy to live. So, I hope that counterparts will be aware that J-PRISM II is their own project and that they will actively undertake projects. I wish to achieve the goals of the project with such counterparts.



# Solomon Islands Recyclers Meeting

by Mahmoud Riad

**T**he first Solomon Islands Private Recyclers Meeting was held on 5/07/17 at Honiara City Council Chamber. The meeting was attended by 13 participants from four Private Recycling Companies, Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management & Meteorology and Honiara City Council. The participants discussed some issues affecting their activities such as falling scrap metals market prices and government taxes imposed on scrap waste exports. Recent developments in other PICs such as CDS and scrap metal workshop were shared.

**T**he participants resolved to set up an association to promote recycling in Solomon Islands. Both JPRISM II Chief Advisor and Assistant Chief Advisor stressed the importance J-PRISM II attaches to promotion of 3R + Return sectors.



# Recyclers New Association Setup in Samoa

by Faafetai Sagapolutele



for a recyclers association was raised and discussed during a workshop that was conducted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP) during the public consultation of the Draft Scrap Metals Operational Guide.

individuals. The same feeling was echoed by Mr John Silafau (RWMA Vice President), who has indicated his excitement on the direction his company (Pacific Recycler Company Limited) and the other four recycling companies (Cash for Metals, One Metal and Metal Man) have taken so far. Mr Edwin Tamasese (Managing Director of the Samoa Compost Company and Treasurer of RWMA) has reiterated the importance of the support from other organizations and companies with waste management interests in guiding the direction of the new organization.

**I**n recent months, the recycling companies in Samoa together with other interested organizations and companies in Samoa have been conducting a number of meetings from the month of July, with an overall purpose of setting up a Recyclers Association in Samoa. The idea

**A**ccording to Ms Marina Keil (President of the newly formed Recyclers and Waste Management Association (RWMA) and Managing Director of the Waste Management Company), “the idea is great for us who are involved in this recycling business to voice our issues and concerns together rather than going as

**B**oth SPREP and JPRISM representatives have indicated their support and have been attending meetings and following up on the progress of this RWMA setup with strong interest in working with RWMA in the future.

## Completed & Upcoming Events

**M**elanesian colleagues from Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and PNG (including 5 Urban local level Government (ULLGs)) gathered in Port Moresby to learn landfill operation and management. This is the first sub-regional Pacific-to-Pacific Cooperation Training in JPRISM II with close collaboration with National Capital District Commission (NCDC) and SPREP.

**P**acific local experts conducted hands-on training on site at Baruni Landfill assisted by JICA experts. Participants shared their experiences, struggles and solutions and learned at first hand from their local trainers how to improve operation of landfills. After the training, the participants mentioned their

impressions of the training and the way forward for their own landfill management activities with very high enthusiasm. Mr. Sandy Mwetu from Vanuatu said, "I would like to make senior management officers involved in the discussion, and make the improvement of Bouffa Landfill site happen in near future". Ms. Debbie Ogano Asaka from Goroka City Council said, "I think it is difficult to jump to improve the open dumpsite in my city to well managed sanitary landfill, but I would like to start from a small step like improve working conditions of the landfill workers".

**A** follow-up training for former trainees of "JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program" in the waste



Dr. Frank Griffin providing on-site explanation during visit to Baruni Landfill, PNG

management field will be held in February 2018. The training will be organized by JICA Kyushu International Center in collaboration with J-PRISM II. Prof. Matsufuji of Fukuoka University and his team will conduct the training which focuses on the operation of landfills employing the Fukuoka Method.

## Shiro Amano

Acting Chief Advisor of J-PRISM II PROJECT TEAM



Hi there, all! I am still hanging around the Pacific, whether you like it or not.

I am back again and engaged with J-PRISM II to assume the acting Chief Advisor's position for some time until JICA finds a permanent replacement of Mr. Ishizuka who unfortunately cannot come back to Samoa for his health problem.

I will be traveling back and forth between Japan and PICs for the next 6 months or so to assist the project delivery and management. I am very pleased to work with you again and let me take a friendly word of advice to remind you of the policy of J-PRISM by such phrases as "learning by doing" and "no pain, no gain."

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