

From Yazaki with love

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The Yazaki Kizuna Foundation gave two vehicles (Photo: Junior S. Ami)

The Yazaki Kizuna Foundation also donated another vehicle to SRWMA on Wednesday afternoon.

Yazaki Kizuna Foundation Managing Director and Managing Executive Officer Junichi Kitami explained that the vehicle cost more than \$120,000.

He said it was an honour for them to support the non-profit organisations in Samoa and they have been doing this for the last seven years.

"Yazaki Kizuna Foundation is currently engaged in two major activities to contribute to the economy and development of human resources in Samoa, such as grants to small businesses in Samoa and scholarships to students at the National University of Samoa and University of South Pacific Samoa Campus," he said.

"This van will be used to support the transportation of SRWMA staff for field work such as cleaning beaches and recycling activities.

"Yesterday I visited SPREP and strongly recognised the importance of taking measures to climate change and waste management issues. SPREP activities are based on international collaboration. Their activities are very important. But I think in the first place, waste management issues should be tackled and solved in each country. That is why we support SRWMA."

The Yazaki Kizuna Foundation stems from the Yazaki EDS Samoa which was established and began operations in 1991. The Vaitele factory manufactured automotive parts for export to Australia. However, changes in the business environment forced the company to close its operations in 2017. Upon withdrawing from Samoa, Yazaki Corporation decided to establish the Yazaki Kizuna Foundation in 2018 to give back to the people of Samoa for their support.

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