



Former President Kuniwo Nakamura (center) handed the basketball and t-shirts to Maris Stella School principal Felix Okabe and Belau Modekngai School teacher Dave Ngirakesau during the donations of sports items on Wednesday.

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Three schools receive basketballs and t-shirts from Kyowa Shipping

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THE Kyowa Shipping Company, a Japan based company has donated 24 pieces of basketballs and 42 pieces of t-shirts to three private schools to express their appreciation to Palau's kind cooperation in their shipping service.

Hiromitsu Takamatsu, President of Kyowa Shipping Co., Ltd. in his letter to Bedbii Chiokai, principal of the Belau Modekngai School, said that the donation is a token of appreciation and friendship with the people of the Republic of Palau.

Takamatsu said they wish the donation would contribute to enrich the children's activities and the friendship between the country and the Kyowa Shipping Company.

The basketballs and the t-shirts were handed to each of the school's representatives on Wednesday morning by Western Pacific Shipping Co.'s Chairman & CEO Kuniwo Nakamura, Palau's former President.

The Western Pacific Shipping is Kyowa Shipping Company's agent in Palau.

Each of the school received eight pieces of basketballs and 14 t-shirts.

Felix Okabe, principal of the Maris Stella School received

the items from Nakamura while Dave Ngirakesau, a teacher from Belau Modekngai School received the donations on behalf of the principal Bedbii Chiokai.

Nelson Sisor of the Seventh Day Adventist School will be the one to accept the items on behalf of the school.

Okabe said he appreciate the donation saying it is timely because they will be having an elementary basketball tournament in mid of this school year and the students will need the items.

"We have limited funds and it's a big help to us because we have a lot of students playing basketball," Okabe said.

Ngirakesau in a separate interview said that he thanked the former President for finding a way to donate sports items for them.

"It's hard to purchase even one basketball nowadays especially that we are facing hardships and this donation is a big help to us, our high school students will benefit from these sports items," he said.

Nakamura said Kyowa Shipping has been giving assistance to the people of Palau for 40 years now.

Every year the company donates foods and other goods to different sectors, private and non-government organizations.

Nakamura said 99 percent of the cars in Palau are carried on Kyowa ships.