



## Government of Samoa Opens Nation's First - Solar Powered Electric Vehicle Charging Station

21st June 2024



The Government of Samoa through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) proudly announces the official opening of Samoa's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Solar Charging Station on June 21, 2024 at the Friendship Park, Matagalalua. This groundbreaking facility marks a significant step towards sustainable transportation and environmental stewardship in Samoa.

The MNRE Electric Vehicle Solar Charging Station is a pioneering project designed to support the growing fleet of electric vehicles within the government and eventually, the public. The charging station will play a crucial role in reducing carbon emissions and promoting renewable energy usage across Samoa. The project aligns with Samoa's commitment to achieving 26% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 as outlined in the country's Second Nationally Determined Contribution 2nd NDC).

## Opening Signing of JPRISM III Project between the Waste Mangement and Pollution Control Division (MNRE) and JICA Samoa Office.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“ THE ONLY WAY TO DO GREAT WORK IS TO LOVE WHAT YOU DO ”**

Steve Jobs

Over several decades, waste has become one of the major concerns for small island countries in the Pacific region because of severe challenges in coping with the increasing volume and changing characteristics of urban and industrial wastes. Improper waste management has potential to pose a significant negative impact on public health, water and food supply, ecosystems, tourism and trade, resources, and even climate change, which threaten sustainable development in this region. Such unique constraints as geographical isolation, limited resources and economic scale, and dependence on foreign aid and imported goods have made management of solid waste more difficult for Pacific island countries (PICs).

- JICA/SPREP Solid Waste Initiative

In order to realize the commitment of the Government of Japan at the second PALM (Japan-Pacific Leaders' Meeting) in 2000, JICA started assisting PICs in terms of solid waste management in collaboration with SPREP.

Under the Pacific Regional Solid Waste Management Strategy (2016-2025) as Cleaner Pacific 2025 which was formulated in J-PRISM cooperation, JICA implemented J-PRISM II in partnership with the responsible agencies of the waste management of each target countries and SPREP.

The objective of J-PRISM III is to strengthen independent solid waste management in the Pacific Region through improving human resource, institutional and financial capacity of solid waste management with developing monitoring system in each targeted Pacific Island Countries(PICs)



## Thursday Fitness with Fana - Lee Zumba

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