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Donation of 14 Light Fire Engines and High-performance Ambulances to Municipalities Nationwide

- **Since 1952, a total of 5,202 vehicles have been donated to help strengthen regional disaster prevention/preparedness capabilities and emergency medical systems.**

This year, the General Insurance Association of Japan (GIAJ) will donate 14 more light fire engines and high-performance ambulances throughout Japan.

1. Background of the donations

As part of our disaster prevention/preparedness activities, we have donated firefighting equipment and materials, such as fire engines and small power pumps, to municipalities nationwide since 1952, and to remote islands since 1982.

The donations of ambulances have been made as part of a program to support victims of automobile accidents, since 1971, through the use of investment income from Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance (CALI).

Since 1991, when the Emergency Life-Saving Technician (ELST) System was established, we have been donating high-performance ambulances equipped with more advanced emergency medical equipment.

2. Donated vehicles

As they are based on a light four-wheel drive vehicle, the fire engines are capable of accessing rough and narrow roads. Due to their maneuverability, they can therefore extinguish fires and save lives in the initial stages of a disaster.

While the deck van type will be donated to municipalities (excluding remote islands), the truck type will be donated to remote islands.

The high-performance ambulances have a spacious interior and facilities that allow paramedics to provide advanced emergency life-saving treatment.

3. Cumulative amount of donated firefighting equipment and how it is used

To date, the overall amount of donations nationwide totals 5,202 units. This includes 3,512 firefighting equipment and materials, including light fire trucks, and 1,690 ambulances.

The donated vehicles are used for a variety of purposes, including actual firefighting and emergency lifesaving activities in each community. They are also used for firefighting drills to raise disaster awareness among residents.

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