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### **GOB Receives First Disbursement of 2022 Bilateral Cooperation Grant from the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)**

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On July 21, 2022, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment, received a grant from H. E. David Kuan-Chou Chien, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), in the amount of US\$1,150,000. This represents the first disbursement under the 2022 Bilateral Cooperation Program between Belize and Taiwan.

The generous financial support received from the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will support several initiatives aimed at attaining our sustainable development goals and will see the upliftment of the people of Belize.

This initial disbursement will be used to fund the expansion of the National Healthy Start Feeding Program for this school year. The feeding program is an initiative administered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, with the support of the Ministry of Health & Wellness, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Food and Agriculture Organization, to reduce and prevent hunger, obesity, and other forms of malnutrition in vulnerable school children and help to keep such children in school.

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