

2008

Cosmo Oil Eco Card Fund Activity Report 2008 Sixth year: April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

South Pacific Countries Support Project (Tuvalu)

Helping island nations deal with climate change



Students carrying mangrove seedlings



Water truck on a delivery

Rising seas force the people of Tuvalu from their homeland

Tuvalu, an island nation in the South Pacific, is composed of nine coral islands. The entire population of some 10,000 people enjoys a commanding view of the clear, beautiful waters of the Pacific Ocean. To the Japanese, it looks like paradise, but the people of Tuvalu are facing terrible fears due to global warming. Some of them are moving away to other countries. Unless global warming is stopped, there is nothing we can do to prevent the disaster now facing the people of Tuvalu and other South Pacific island nations. But the Cosmo Oil Eco Card Fund is providing assistance to help ease the impact of global warming. Cosmo Oil has been active in Tuvalu since 2004. In the first year we carried out a survey and identified a number of "coping measures" that have since been taken, such as the planting of mangrove seedlings and the use of water trucks. In fiscal 2008 we will begin taking "mitigation measures," such as holding waste treatment workshops. Global environmental problems, and especially the issue of global warming, are matters of urgent concern to the international community, both for individuals and for international organizations. To address these problems, we must move forward one step at a time on many different fronts. We must change our lifestyles, for example, and develop new technologies.