<u>Visit by Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of Embassy of Japan to Grenada:</u>

<u>Handing-over Ceremony for Japan's Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment</u> and Machinery in Grenada

The handing-over ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in Grenada" took place at 3:00 pm on November 2, 2016 in Grenada.

The grant, valued at four million, six hundred thousand US dollars (US\$4,600,000) is provided in order to improve fishery product distribution and fisheries management through the upgrading and replacing of equipment and machinery and accompanying facilities that were previously installed by Japanese grant aid. Also facilitated is the installation of new equipment and machinery based on fisheries management needs.

Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan to Grenada and the Honourable Alvin Da Breo, Minister responsible for Forestry and Fisheries of Grenada were both in attendance to commemorate the event. Also in attendance were Mrs. Merina Jessamy, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment and Mr. Crafton J. Isaac, Chief Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Division.

In his speech, Mr. Sato noted that the provision of equipment is just one example of the ongoing fishery sector cooperation between Japan and Grenada which includes collaboration on sustainable use of marine resources, technical assistance and technical training.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing regional development through continued cooperation, and anticipates that the Government and people of Grenada will continue to greatly benefit from Japan's development assistance.

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