

September 30, 2017

**Japan's Emergency Relief Goods Handed Over to the Commonwealth of  
Dominica in Response to Hurricane Maria's Disaster**

On September 22, 2017, the Government of Japan decided to provide emergency relief goods to the Commonwealth of Dominica in response to the request from the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica following the serious damage incurred, as a result of the passage of Hurricane Maria on September 18 – 19, 2017.

On September 29, 2017, the Government of Japan handed over emergency relief goods to the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The Commonwealth of Dominica received the following emergency supplies through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA): 250 tents, 102 sleeping pads, 10 plastic sheets, 150 blankets, and 100 foldable water tanks.

The handing-over ceremony for the relief goods was held on September 29, 2017 at noon at Douglas Charles Airport, the Commonwealth of Dominica.

H.E. Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica and Mr. Tetsuhiro Ike, Resident Representative of the JICA St. Lucia Office were in attendance to represent the Government of Japan. Present at the ceremony to represent the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica were Hon. Cassius Darroux, Minister for Kalinago Affairs, and Mrs. Syvanie Burton, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CARICOM Affairs.

The Government of Japan decided to provide emergency assistance to the Commonwealth of Dominica to respond to the humanitarian needs of the people affected by the disaster as well as in light of the friendly relationship between Japan and the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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Ambassador Okada signing the delivery agreement