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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Project for Improving Disaster Resilience and
Emergency Shelter Management in Nevis Island**

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) entitled “Project for Improving Disaster Resilience and Emergency Shelter Management in Nevis Island” will take place at 9:30 a.m. on March 15, 2017 at the Emergency Operations Centre, Nevis Disaster Management Department, Long Point, Charlestown, Nevis.

In 2014, St. Kitts and Nevis graduated from its previous status as a country eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA), having consecutively produced one of the highest Gross National Income in the region. As such, this grant funding was made possible through the commitment made by Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe during the 2014 Japan-CARICOM Summit Meeting. The Government of Japan will be awarding grant aid to the Nevis Disaster Management Department for US\$370,529 towards achieving their project objectives, which focus on Disaster Risk Management across twelve communities on the Nevis island.

Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Mr. Wakely Daniel, Permanent Secretary, Premier's Ministry, Nevis Island Administration, will be in attendance for the ceremony. Dr. Ernie Stapleton, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Works, Public Utilities, Posts, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Keith Glasgow, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Development, Youth, Sports, Community Development & Basic Needs Trust Fund and Mr. Brian Dyer, Director, Nevis Disaster Management Department will also be attending the ceremony along with specially invited guests and the media.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of Saint Kitts and Nevis, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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