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## **Gervase Warner Receives National Decoration from Japan**

On November 3, the Government of Japan decided to confer the Japanese National Decoration, “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette” upon Mr. E. Gervase Warner, President and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Massy Holdings Limited, for his outstanding contribution to strengthening economic relations between Japan and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Established in 1875, the Order of the Rising Sun was Japan’s first national decoration awarded by the Government of Japan. It features rays of sunlight radiating from the rising sun with an attachment that is fashioned in the shape of a paulownia flower and leaf.

Mr. Warner has the distinction of becoming the first national of Trinidad and Tobago to receive a Japanese National Decoration from the Government of Japan. The Order of the Rising Sun is conferred on foreign nationals for their significant contributions to advancing relations between Japan and its partners. As President and Group CEO of Massy Holdings Ltd, Mr. Warner greatly contributed to the promotion of trade in Japanese products and services in Trinidad and Tobago’s automotive industry and successfully shepherded negotiations between the Massy Group and the Mitsubishi Consortium, which led to the formation of the Caribbean Gas Chemical Limited in 2013 and the eventual 2015 project agreement for the establishment of the natural gas to petrochemicals complex for the production of dimethylether or DME (an environmentally friendly yet powerful fuel). This collaboration between Massy and Mitsubishi has greatly contributed to the strengthening of economic relations between Japan and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago by facilitating the largest Japanese investment in the Caribbean.

Mr. Warner has already received a congratulatory message from His Excellency Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, for the conferment of his decoration.