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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Photovoltaic Systems at Four Primary Schools
Barbados

The handing-over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled, “The Project for Installing Photovoltaic Systems” took place at 10:00am on September 11th 2015, at the Cabinet Office, Government Headquarters, Bay Street, St. Michael, Barbados. The Association of Public Primary School Principals received a grant of US\$121,818 from the Government of Japan, under the GGP scheme, for the installation of Photovoltaic Systems at the Grantley Prescod Primary, Luther Torne Primary, Charles F. Brome Primary and the Good Shepherd Memorial Primary Schools.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Takafumi Ura, Second Secretary from the Embassy of Japan, the Honourable Ronald Dacosta Jones, J.P., M.P., Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation in addition to Senator the Honourable Patrick Todd, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister. Also in attendance were Mr. Jehu Wiltshire, Acting-Permanent Secretary, Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister’s Office, and Mr. Ivan Clarke, President, Association of Public Primary School Principals, along with the invited guests and media.

During their speeches both Mr. Ura and Minister Todd shared similar sentiments, as they highlighted that through this project, each recipient school is set to achieve several benefits from the Photovoltaic Systems, including reduced energy consumption and educational awareness. Mr. Ura also thanked and congratulated the entire team at the Division of Energy and Telecommunications in the Prime Minister’s Office, as well as the Association of Public Primary School Principals for their respective roles in seeing this project to fruition.

The Government of Japan is committed to exploring new opportunities between Japan and the Government and people of Barbados, with the aim of strengthening relations and encouraging dialogue and mutual understanding between the two countries.

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