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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Project for Renovating the Hurricane Shelter and the Storm Drain in Vulnerable Communities in Commonwealth of Dominica

The completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Renovating the Hurricane Shelter and the Storm Drain in Vulnerable Communities” took place at 11:00 a.m. on January 22, 2016, at the Office of Disaster Management ODM-NEOC Building, Jimmit, Commonwealth of Dominica. Dominica Association of Local Community Authorities, Inc. received a grant of up to US\$84,513 from the Government of Japan for the renovation of the Hurricane Shelter and the Storm Drain, which was used for the community of Fond Cole and Bagatelle in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, Chairman, Dominica Association of Local Community Authorities, Inc. Also in attendance were Mr. John Fontaine Local Government Commissioner as well as Mr. Steve Joseph, Programme Officer (Ag), Office of Disaster Management, along with invited guests and media representatives.

Mr. Masatoshi Sato, during his speech, highlighted that this project has contributed significantly to the safety needs of the residents of both the Fond Cole' and Bagatelle communities through the recently erected storm drains and retrofitting to the community centre. He also expressed that the implementation of the hurricane shelters and storm drains have both proved to be very instrumental to the affected communities during the relief and management efforts in the wake of the recent Tropical Storm Erika.

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

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