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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Project for the Construction of Mobile Blood Bank Unit in the Nickerie District

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) entitled “Project for the Construction of Mobile Blood Bank Unit in the Nickerie District” took place at 9:00 a.m. on November 24, 2016 at the Suriname Red Cross Society, Grevenberchstraat 2-6, Paramaribo. The Suriname Red Cross Society received a grant of up to US\$83,050 from the Government of Japan for expansion of the National Blood Bank services in Nickerie through the construction of a second blood bank facility.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Okada, along with, Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society. Also in attendance were Mr. Hugo Bromet, Former Honorary Consul-General of Japan, as well as, Mrs. Maria Tjon A. Loi, Medical Director, National Blood Bank of Suriname Red Cross Society, Mr. Ruben Seedo, Nursing Director, Drs. Lachmipersad Mungra Streekzenuhuis Ziekenhuis Nickerie, along with invited guests and media representatives.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada mentioned that through this project the Suriname Red Cross Society will continue its efforts to secure a steady blood supply and improve the delivery of blood products in order to build an efficient and sustainable donor program for all existing and potential blood recipients in Suriname. Ambassador Okada also noted that with this expansion of the National Blood Bank services in Nickerie, it is expected that the volunteer data base in Nickerie will increase by 25%, with the number of blood products simultaneously increasing by 7% in the next five years.

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

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Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society and His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan.



His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society during the formal signing of grant contracts.



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Ms. Mireille Nederbiel, Marketing & Sales Manager, Precamp South America N.V., Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society, Mrs. Maria Tjon A. Loi, Medical Director, National Blood Bank and His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan.



Specially invited guest and members of the media.



Mr. Oliver Smith, Managing Director, Construction Engineering Consultancy during his presentation of the project phases.



His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan during the delivery of his speech.

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