

Visit by Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica:

Handing-over Ceremony for Japan's Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in the Commonwealth of Dominica

The handing-over ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in the Commonwealth of Dominica" took place at 2:00 pm on November 14, 2016 in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The grant, valued at one million, five hundred and eighty thousand US dollars (US\$1,580,000) is provided in order to improve fishery product distribution and fisheries management through the upgrading and replacing of equipment and machinery and accompanying facilities that were previously installed by Japanese grant aid. Also facilitated is the installation of new equipment and machinery based on fisheries management needs, including submerged-type fish aggregating devices and an insulated truck.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Honourable Ian Douglas, acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Honourable Johnson Drigo, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries were in attendance to commemorate the event. Also in attendance were Mr. Harold Guiste, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Riviere Sebastian, Chief Fisheries Officer and Mr. Tetsuhiro Ike, Resident JICA/JOCV Representative, Saint Lucia Office.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada noted that the provision of equipment is just one example of the ongoing fishery sector cooperation between Japan and the Commonwealth of Dominica which includes collaboration on sustainable use of living marine resources, technical assistance and technical training.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing the sustainable growth of the Commonwealth of Dominica through continued cooperation.

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