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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Procurement for Ambulance for Dominica Red Cross

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Procurement of an Ambulance for the Dominica Red Cross Society” took place at 2:00 p.m. on December 11, 2013, at the Red Cross Society Conference Room, Goodwill, Dominica. The Dominica Red Cross will receive a grant of up to US\$65,541 from the Government of Japan for the procurement of an ambulance, which will be used for first aid services.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Hirofumi Murabayashi, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, and Mrs. Kathleen Pinard-Byrne, Director General, Dominica Red Cross. The Honourable Gloria Shillingford, Minister for Social Services, Community Development and Gender Affairs was also in attendance along with the invited guests and media.

In his speech, Counsellor Murabayashi stated that the objective of this project is to improve the services of the Dominica Red Cross Society, which is especially important as they provide response services in national disasters. The project will allow the Dominica Red Cross to improve the quality of their services which will help them save lives. Additionally, he stated that he has no doubt that this project is truly one which meets basic human needs and Japan is very pleased that it can assist the project through the GGP especially since this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Red Cross.

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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