

**Japanese Ambassador to visit Saint Christopher and Nevis for  
Signing Ceremony for Japan's Development Assistance**

The signing ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Economic and Social Development Programme (Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction Equipment)" will take place at 1:30 pm on September 1, 2016 in the Agriculture Conference Room of the Government Headquarters, Basseterre, Saint Christopher and Nevis.

The grant is provided in order to support the promotion of economic and social development of Saint Christopher and Nevis by utilising disaster reduction related products of Japanese enterprises. The grant is intended to contribute to the improvement of Saint Christopher and Nevis's capacity to adapt to climate change and is valued at approximately two million US dollars (US\$2,000,000). This is the second grant of its kind in nine months, with the two grants representing a total amount of approximately three million US dollars (US\$3,000,000).

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to Saint Christopher and Nevis, and the Honourable Mark A.G. Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, will be in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes.

This grant aid is just one instance of Japanese assistance aimed to support developing countries in tackling climate change. In 2015, the Government of Japan has pledged support of approximately twelve billion US dollars (US\$12,000,000,000) to developing countries in 2020 to help them reduce harmful emissions and develop their various infrastructures to withstand the effects of climate change by using Japanese technologies and expertise gained through Japan's similar experiences.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing regional development through continued cooperation, and anticipates that the Government and people of Saint Christopher and Nevis will continue to greatly benefit from Japan's development assistance.

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