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PRESS RELEASE

**Japan's Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in the Commonwealth of Dominica and Saint Christopher and Nevis**

The signing ceremony for Japan's Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in the Commonwealth of Dominica and Saint Christopher and Nevis took place at 9:30am on June 12, 2015, at the Jolly Beach Resort and Spa, Bolans, Antigua and Barbuda during the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries. The Grant is provided in order to improve fisheries product distribution and fisheries management in these countries.

His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica and Saint Christopher and Nevis, and the Honourable Johnson Drigo, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries of the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Honourable Eugene Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture, Health, National Health Insurance, Human Settlements, Community Development, Gender Affairs, Social Services, Land and Cooperatives of Saint Christopher and Nevis were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes. Also in attendance to witness the signing was the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Takashi Uto.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing regional development through continued cooperation, and anticipates great benefits for the Governments and people of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica and Saint Christopher and Nevis.

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