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PRESS RELEASE

**RECEPTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE JICA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (JAATT)**

The Reception for the establishment of the JICA Alumni Association of Trinidad and Tobago (JAATT), co-hosted by JAATT and the Embassy of Japan in Trinidad and Tobago, was held at 6:30pm on Wednesday January 10th, 2013, at the residence of His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The mission of JAATT is to provide a forum through which continued relations between Trinidad and Tobago and Japan can be fostered. JAATT seeks to accommodate persons from Trinidad and Tobago who are former participants of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) technical training programmes, persons who have travelled to Japan through JICA, or who are interested in Japanese culture and/or education as well as prospective training participants.

The reception was attended by Ambassador Yoshimasa Tezuka; The Honourable Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan, Minister of Public Administration; Ms. Stacy Haris, the President of JAATT; and other distinguished guests from Ministry of Public Administration, JAATT, JICA and the Embassy.

In his address, Ambassador Yoshimasa Tezuka expressed his hope that all participants found that the Courses to be both fruitful and meaningful, not only for their own personal development, but also for the overall human resource development of Trinidad and Tobago. Amb. Tezuka also said that he was positive that the Association would play an important role in the deepening of the relations between Japan and Trinidad and Tobago, and gave the assurance that the Embassy would provide as much support as possible for the activities of the Alumni Association.

The Establishment of JAATT was considered a success in the advancement of bilateral ties and the Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and JAATT, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

Attached are pictures of the ceremony which may be resized and distributed.

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