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PRESS RELEASE

Exchange of Notes (E/N) for Japan's Grant Assistance to the UNDP's "Project for Strengthening Women's Disaster Management Capacities in Guyana and Dominica"

The Exchange of Notes (E/N) concerning a grant amounting to five million US Dollars (US \$5,000,000) in aid for the "Project for Strengthening Women's Disaster Management Capacities in Guyana and Dominica" will be signed on February 15, 2018 in the Republic of Guyana, between Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Ms. Mikiko Tanaka, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative accredited to the Republic of Guyana. The project aims to develop the capacities of vulnerable groups reliant on agriculture, namely women and indigenous groups, in disaster preparedness and mitigation.

Focus will be placed on pertinent areas such as strengthening community and women's capacities in applying mitigation and adaptation measures to reduce livelihood vulnerability, strengthening accessibility and availability of preparedness measures (community-based and national Early Warning System (EWS)), enhancing opportunities to micro-grant mechanisms, and enhancing the adoption of best practices through knowledge exchange between communities and women's groups. Through the synergistic effect of these types of measures, the project aims to provide the Republic of Guyana and the Commonwealth of Dominica with a solid foundation for improved disaster management capacities, and, as a result, sustain livelihoods.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities which support the Caribbean region in addressing climate change, in order to establish a fair and effective international framework in which all major economies participate.

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