

**Ambassador Okada Attends the Launching Ceremony of
the Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund project “Building Resilience and Sustainable
Livelihood: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management/Disaster Risk Reduction
into the Agriculture Sector in Guyana”**

On July 5, 2016, His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, attended the Launching Ceremony of the Japan-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Partnership Fund project entitled “Building Resilience and Sustainable Livelihood: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management/Disaster Risk Reduction into the Agriculture Sector in Guyana” in Georgetown, Guyana. This two-year project started in February 2016 with the support of approximately US\$ 300,000 from the Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund, and will be implemented by the UNDP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to strengthen national capacity in mainstreaming disaster risk management in the agriculture sector and build resilience of sustainable livelihoods against disasters.

Ambassador Okada, in his remarks, emphasized Japan’s commitment to reducing disaster risk, referring to the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction held in Sendai, Japan, in March 2015. This ceremony was participated by notable attendees including the Hon. Mr. Noel Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture, Ms. Khadija Musa, UNDP Resident Coordinator, Ms. Lystra Fletcher Paul, FAO Deputy Sub-regional Coordinator for the Caribbean and Dr. Hector C. Butts, Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance.



Remarks by Ambassador Okada



The Hon. Mr. Noel Holder, M.P., Minister of Agriculture (left) , Ms. Khadija Musa, UNDP Resident Coordinator (middle), and Ambassador Okada (right)