

**Visit by Japanese Ambassador to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:**

**Handing-over Ceremony for Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products**

The handing-over ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Non-Project Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products (2014)" took place at 2:00 pm on October 31, 2016 in the Headquarters of the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The grant is provided in order to support the promotion of economic and social development of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and is valued at nearly one million US dollars (US\$1,000,000). Products such as first aid kits, wheelchairs and command vehicles were acquired through this grant funding for local use by various organisations.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Honourable Sir Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were both in attendance to commemorate the event.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada noted that the provision of industrial products is just one example of the ongoing cooperation between Japan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines which in fact spans many fields, from disaster risk reduction and sustainable use of marine resources, to cultural exchange and training.

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

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Ambassador Okada (Center right) hands over equipment  
such as wheel chairs, DSLRs and so on.



Ambassador Okada (Left) hands over the command vehicle to Mr. Hadaway, the  
Commissioner of Police (Right). Looking on is the Honourable Sir Straker, Deputy Prime  
Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce (Center)

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