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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Project for the Construction of Mobile Blood Bank Unit in the Nickerie District

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled the “Project for the Construction of Mobile Blood Bank Unit in the Nickerie District” will take place at 9:00 a.m. on November 24, 2016, at the Suriname Red Cross Society, Grevenberchstraat 2-6, Paramaribo. The Suriname Red Cross Society will receive a grant of up to US\$83,050 from the Government of Japan for expansion of the National Blood Bank services in Nickerie through the construction of a second blood bank facility. With the grant funding received, the National Blood Bank will seek to optimize their blood donor potential, with the aim to satisfy the ongoing demand for blood products across Suriname.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan, and Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society, will be in attendance for the ceremony. Mrs. Maria Tjon A. Loi, Medical Director, National Blood Bank of Suriname Red Cross Society, as well as Mr. Ruben Seedo, Nursing Director, Drs. Lachmipersad Mungra Streekzenhuis Ziekenhuis Nickerie are also expected to attend the signing ceremony.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of the Republic of Suriname, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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