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PRESS RELEASE

Handing Over Ceremony for Non-Project Grant Aid to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

The handing over ceremony for the Non-Project Grant Aid to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana took place at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 2018, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This grant was provided to support the promotion of the economic and social development of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and is valued at approximately three million US Dollars (US\$3,000,000).

Through this grant, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana procured 10,930 high voltage light-emitting diode (LED) lamps, valued at approximately one point three million US dollars (US\$1,300,000). These LED lamps are being used in critical areas in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, which are currently without lighting, or require additional lighting. The grant was also used to purchase 11,000 tons of cement, valued at approximately one point three five million US dollars (US\$1,350,000), which the National Hardware (Guyana) Ltd. is providing to the private and public sectors for use in civil and construction works.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, and the Honourable Annette Ferguson, Minister within the Ministry of Public Infrastructure of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, were in attendance for the ceremony.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada spoke about the luminance efficiency of LED lamps and the positive environmental effects of using LEDs, stating that they contribute to the reduction of fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. He also noted that the Government of Japan and the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana signed the Exchange of Notes for the Non-Project Grant Aid in 2014, the Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year, and further noted that the cooperation and collaboration which the two Governments have promoted since then clearly demonstrate the robust relationship between the two nations.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, all with a view to advancing sustainable development through continued cooperation.

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Ambassador Okada handing over an LED lamp with the Japan Official Development Assistance (ODA) logo to the Honourable Annette Ferguson



Installed LED Lamp

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