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Japanese Government funds the Procurement of an Ambulance for the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society Antigua and Barbuda

The completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grassroots Human Security Project entitled "The Procurement of an Ambulance for the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society" took place on February 18th 2016 at 1:00pm at the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Headquarters located at Old Parham Road, St. John's, Antigua. The Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society received a grant of up to USD \$102,909 from the Government of Japan for the procurement of an ambulance which would be used to enhance and improve their first aid services.

Mr. Takafumi Ura, Development Cooperation Officer, Embassy of Japan and Mr. Fitzmorris Martin, Director General, Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society, were in attendance for the ceremony. Mr. Philmore Mullin, Director, National Office of Disaster Services also attend the completion ceremony along with the invited guests and media

In his speech, Mr. Ura expressed his hope that this new ambulance vehicle will be of great assistance to the efforts of the Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society in facilitating citizens' access to appropriate medical service in a timely manner, thereby improving one's quality of life.

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

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