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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Renovations of Community Centre for People with Disabilities in Region 6**

The handing over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Improving the Community Centre for People with Disabilities in Region 6” took place at 1:00 p.m. on November 26, 2013, at the Community Based Rehabilitation Programme Resource Centre, Port Mourant, Corentyne Region 6, Guyana. The Guyana Community Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR) received a grant of US\$31,916 from the Government of Japan for the renovations of the community centre where the CBR provides services for people with disabilities.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Yoichiro Takahashi, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, Ms. Geraldine Halls, National Advisor of CBR, and Mr. Mark Adams, CBR Chairman of Region 6. Also, around thirty (30) CBR’s members and community members attended the ceremony.

In his speech, Mr. Takahashi stated that the project has allowed the Community Centre to provide a better quality environment that is more equipped to meet the needs of persons with disabilities who visit the centre. Furthermore, he stated that it is very important that communities accommodate the needs of persons living with disabilities and the CBR is providing services that truly support the needs of those with disabilities. He also hoped that the CBR will strive to continuously improve their services as the support they provide is invaluable.

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

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