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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Procurement of Ambulance for Diakonessenhuis Foundation, Suriname

The completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Procurement of an Ambulance for Diakonessenhuis Foundation” took place at 11:15 a.m. on March 21, 2016, at the Chapel of the Diakonessenhuis Foundation, Zinniastraat 64, Paramaribo.

The Diakonessenhuis Foundation received a grant of up to US\$45,158 from the Government of Japan for the procurement of an ambulance, which will be used to enhance and improve their first aid services.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Mrs. Ruth Mangroe, Managing Director (Ag.) at the Diakonessenhuis. Also in attendance were, Mr. Hugo Bromet, Honorary Consul-General of Japan and Mrs. Meryll Zeefuik, Health Disaster Coordinator, Ministry of Health, along with invited guests and media representatives.

In his speech, Mr. Masatoshi Sato expressed his thanks to the Diakonessenhuis Foundation for their efforts in successfully procuring the ambulance vehicle and also noted that the Embassy of Japan is extremely proud to be part of the continued efforts toward the enhancement of emergency responsiveness in Suriname. He also expressed the hope that the first responder services at the Diakonessenhuis Foundation will improve and continue to make invaluable contributions to the saving of lives in facilitating citizens’ access to appropriate medical service in a timely manner.

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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