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PRESS RELEASE

**Japan's Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products to the Commonwealth of Dominica**

The signing ceremony for Japan's Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products took place at 9:30 a.m. on June 12, 2014, at the Office of the Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finance and Information Technology of the Commonwealth of Dominica. The Grant is provided in order to support the promotion of the economic and social development of the Commonwealth of Dominica, and is valued at one hundred million yen (¥ 100,000,000), approximately one million US Dollars (US\$1,000,000).

The Grant will be utilized for the importation of industrial products, procured through tenders, which are necessary to promote economic and social development efforts by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica. An important aim of the Grant is to address damage caused in the Commonwealth of Dominica by the heavy rainfall which occurred in December, 2013. Furthermore, the imported products will basically be manufactured by Japanese companies which suffered significant damage in the historic March 2011 earthquake, thereby contributing to the restoration of the local economy.

His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica, and the Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finance and Information Technology of the Commonwealth of Dominica, were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of the Commonwealth of Dominica, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries, especially in the Japan-CARICOM Friendship year 2014, which marks 20 years since the first Japan-CARICOM Consultation in 1993.

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Attached are pictures of the ceremony which may be resized and distributed.

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