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PRESS RELEASE

Signing Ceremony for Shelter Renovation Project in Dominica

The Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Renovation of Hurricane Shelters” was held at 9:00 am on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at the Public Service Union Building in Rouseau, Dominica.

With this grant, the Dominica Association of Local Community Authorities (DALCA) is set to receive US \$68,710 from the Government of Japan for the renovation of 3 community centres located in Petit Soufrière, Scots Head and Tarrish Pit, which serve as shelters in the event of an emergency. The funds will also allow for the procurement of water tanks and generators to equip of these shelters, thus restoring emergency preparedness in these communities and contributing to overall disaster resilience in Dominica.

The Honourable Joseph Isaac, Minister for Environment, Climate Resilience, Disaster Management & Urban Renewal, delivered remarks at the ceremony, highlighting the importance of taking measures to adapt to climate change in order to mitigate its effects. Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Japan, echoed the Minister’s sentiments and reiterated the willingness of Japan to be a partner in such efforts. The Counsellor then signed the grant documents alongside Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, Chairman of DALCA. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Her Worship Irene John, Mayor of Rouseau; Mr. Glenroy Toussaint, Local Government Commissioner; and other project stakeholders.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the People of Dominica, with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two countries.

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(L-R) Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, Chairman of DALCA; Her Worship Irene John, Mayor of Rouseau; Hon. Joseph Isaac, Minister for Environment, Climate Resilience, Disaster Management & Urban Renewal; and Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Japan



Minister Joseph Isaac delivers remarks



Counsellor Yoshinori Yakabe delivers remarks on behalf of the Japanese Government



Signing of grant documents by Counsellor Yakabe and Mr. Yoland Jno-Jules, Chairman of DALCA



A handshake is exchanged after the signing of the grant documents

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