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PRESS RELEASE

Handing Over Ceremony for Organic Farms Project in Suriname

The Handing Over Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Construction of Organic Farms in Primary Schools” was held at 10:00 am on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at the Kampong Baroe School in Saramacca, Suriname.

The Suriname Waste Management Foundation (SUWAMA) received a grant totaling US\$ 87,890 from the Government of Japan for the construction of organic farms for 3 primary schools: De Hulp School in the district of Commewijne; Kampong Baroe School in the district of Saramacca; and Penny en Jon School in the district of Wanica. The introduction of these farms allows the children of Suriname the opportunity to learn hands-on lessons about the importance of self-sustainability and also promotes the benefits of healthy living. The farms will be used to display organic farming and aquaponics technologies to the students, who can use the acquired knowledge in their own homes, bringing about a gradual skills-transfer to the country’s wider population.

Mr. Toshihide Kanaya, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Japan, who delivered remarks on behalf of the Government of Japan, commended SUWAMA for its invaluable work in fostering environmental conservation and promoting the responsible and sustainable management of energy, water, waste and biodiversity. Mrs. Djina Bergraaf – Sanchit, Chairwoman of SUWAMA, thanked the Embassy as well as the schools, teachers, students and other stakeholders who had contributed to the delivery of the project. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Mr. Humphrey Bergraaf, Secretary of SUWAMA; Ms. Orié Nalini, representing the Ministry of Agriculture and the District of Saramacca; and Mr. Jayant Padarath, Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Paramaribo.

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

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Mrs. Djina Bergraaf – Sanchit, Chairwoman of SUWAMA, delivers remarks



Mr. Humphrey Bergraaf, Secretary of SUWAMA, provides emcee services for the ceremony



Mr. Toshihide Kanaya, Second Secretary, delivers remarks on behalf of the Government of Japan



The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by Mrs. Bergraaf – Sanchit (hidden), assisted by Mr. Kanaya and Mr. Jayant Padarath, Honorary Consul-General of Japan in Paramaribo



Mr. Kanaya and other ceremony participants view the farming facilities



Produce farmed through aquaponics

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