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PRESS RELEASE

Handing Over Ceremony for Blood Bank 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 Mobile Blood Bank Unit in the Nickerie District” was held at 11:30 am on Monday 10 December 2018 at the site of the Blood Bank on the Mungra Medical Center (MMC) compound in Nieuw Nickerie, Suriname.

The Suriname Red Cross Society (SRCS) received a grant totaling US \$83,050 from the Government of Japan for the construction of a semi-permanent building, designed and constructed using seven prefab containers, to house a fixed space which could facilitate the regular collection of blood. The introduction of this Blood Bank Unit helps to optimize donor potential and enhance the work of the National Blood Bank in providing a more efficient and steady supply of safe blood products to the people of Suriname, through its medical institutions.

Mr. Toshihide Kanaya, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Japan, delivered remarks on behalf of the Government of Japan, noting the importance of a project with the potential to positively affect the lives of many. Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President of the SRCS, gave more insight into the history of the project and thanked the Japanese Government for its support in reaching the desired outcome. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Dr. Cleopatra Jessurun, Incoming Director of the Ministry of Health; Mr. Perakash Joeloem Singh, District Commissioner; Mr. Bisnoepersad Dalloesingh, Director of the Mungra Medical Center; and Mrs. Maria Tjon A Loi, Medical Director of the Suriname Red Cross Society National Blood Bank.

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. Marja Naarendorp, President of the Suriname Red Cross Society



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



Ceremonial passing of the Blood Bank key from Dr. Cleopatra Jessurun, Incoming Director of the Ministry of Health, to Mr. Kanaya



Blood Bank facility constructed with GGP funds



Balloons release at Handing Over ceremony



Commemorative plaque at Blood Bank

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