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PRESS RELEASE

**Handing over Ceremony for Disaster Resilience and Emergency Shelter Project  
in Saint Christopher and Nevis**

The Handing over Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GHP) entitled “The Project for Improving Disaster Resilience and Emergency Shelter Management in Nevis Island” was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at the newly renovated Albertha Payne Community Centre in Bath Village, Nevis.

A grant totaling US\$362,155 was received by the Nevis Disaster Management Department from the Government of Japan for the completion of renovation works to a number of community centres in Nevis as well as the construction of other infrastructure aimed at improving the island’s disaster resilience.

The feature address was delivered by Mr. Hideaki Fujiyama, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan. Also in attendance were Her Honour Mrs. Marjorie Morton CSM, Acting Deputy Governor-General for Nevis; the Honourable Vance Amory, Premier of Nevis; Mr. Wakely Daniel, Permanent Secretary in the Premier's Ministry; Mr. Brian Dyer, Director of the Nevis Disaster Management Department; and other members of the Nevis Island Administration.

Mr. Fujiyama commended Mr. Dyer and other involved project stakeholders for the efficient execution and early completion of the project. He stressed the importance of working as a global community to fight the increasing impacts of climate change and welcomed future partnerships in this area with state as well as grassroots and community-based actors. Mr. Dyer thanked the Government of Japan for its support and highlighted the extensive works carried out on twelve project sites across the island.

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

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Newly renovated Albertha Payne Community Centre



Mr. Brian Dyer, Director of Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD), giving an outline of the project



Feature address by Mr. Hideaki Fujiyama



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Unveiling of plaque by Hon. Vance Amory and Mr. Fujiyama

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