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PRESS RELEASE

Signing Ceremony for Japan's Development Assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The signing ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Economic and Social Development Programme" took place on October 11, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at the Office of the Prime Minister, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. This aid is provided in order to support the promotion of the economic and social development of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and it is valued at four hundred million Japanese Yen (¥400,000,000), or approximately three point five million US dollars (US\$3,500,000).

The grant will be used to develop the Barrouallie Fisheries Centre by modernizing the processing facilities. Due to the significant role that the Barrouallie Centre has in supporting food security in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the project is expected to positively contribute to the strengthening of the fisheries sector as well as the economic development of the local community.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada noted that during the August 2018 Summit Meeting between His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, and Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister Abe conveyed Japan's commitment to cooperation with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the areas of Fisheries, Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment, and that the Economic and Social Development Programme is tangible evidence of this commitment.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, all with a view to advancing sustainable development through continued cooperation.

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