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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Project for the Renovation of Traditional Clinics in Indigenous Communities, Suriname**

The completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled the “The Project for Renovation of Traditional Clinics in Indigenous Communities” took place at 10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2017, at the Village Krutu Oso, Pelelu Tepu district, Sipaliwini. The Amazon Conservation Team Suriname received a grant of US\$88,851 from the Government of Japan for the renovation of three traditional clinics in the southern communities of Sipaliwini, Tepu and Apetina.

The ceremony was attended by Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan and Mr. Pascal Tjon A Hung, Board Member, Amazon Conservation Team Suriname. Also in attendance were Mr. Moshesi Sanaupe, Head Captain and Mr. Saimani Suhpipi, Captain of Pelelu Tepu and Ms. Minu Parahoe, Program Director, Amazon Conservation Team Suriname, along with invited guests and media representatives.

Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, during her speech, highlighted that the renovation of these three health facilities will continue to focus on the treatment provided to residents for infectious diseases and other medical needs, with additional support offered through the provision of medical equipment and supplies along with the installation solar systems that will strengthen the developmental needs of residents within the Tepu, Apetina and Sipaliwini villages. Ms. Miyuki Shinoe also noted that today’s completion ceremony, symbolizes Japan’s rededication and commitment to indigenous communities in Suriname through GGP projects implemented, along with Japan’s long standing history of cooperation in fisheries, health and energy.

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

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Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, presenting the feature speech.



Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, and Mr. Moshesi Sanaupe (Captain Moses), Head Captain, Pelelu Tepu, during the official ribbon cutting and opening of the renovated health clinic.



Photo of the renovated health clinic in Pelelu, Tepu, funded by the Government of Japan's GGP scheme.



L-R:  
Ms. Minu Parahoe and Mr. Pascal Tjon A Hung, of the Amazon Conservation Team Suriname along with Mr. Moshesi Sanaupe, Head Captain, Pelelu Tepu and Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, Embassy of Japan.



Photo of the southern indigenous community, Pelelu, Tepu in Suriname



Specially invited guest and village resident during a tour of Pelelu, Tepu community.

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