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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Project for the Construction of Waramadong
Indigenous Youth Skills Development Centre in Guyana**

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) entitled “Project for the Construction of Waramadong Indigenous Youth Skills Development Centre” took place at 9:30 a.m. on December 14, 2016 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgetown, Guyana. The Waramadong Village Council received a grant of up to US\$69,739 from the Government of Japan to provide skills training for youth of Region 7 and sub-region communities through the construction of a skills training facility and procurement of equipment.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Okada, along with, Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul-General of Japan. Also in attendance were, Mr. Mervyn Williams, Ministerial Advisor, Ministry of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, Mr. Clyde Henry, Chairman, Waramadong Village Council, as well as, Mr. Mark Adams, Principal, Special Needs For Life, Inc, along with invited guests and media representatives.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada mentioned that this project will seek to empower and motivate the youth of the Upper Mazaruni District by constructing a modernized building that will provide much needed support to the community in developing capacity of the youth population to its full potential. Ambassador Okada also noted that the Skills Development Centre is expected to benefit over 650 youths from across Waramadong and other sub-regional communities such as Kamarang, Wineperu, Meruwang, Kaikan, Issano, and Aurora to name a few, in areas such as forestry, carpentry, auto mechanics and small business management.

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

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Mr. Clyde Henry, Chairman, Waramadong Village Council.



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His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mr. Clyde Henry, Chairman, Waramadong Village Council during the formal signing of grant contracts.



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His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan interviewed by MTV News Update.

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