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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Construction of Main Drainage in Laborie-Augier Community, Saint Lucia

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Constructing the Main Drainage in Laborie-Augier Community” took place at 9:30 a.m. on October 28, 2015, at the Conference Room, Laborie Cooperative Credit Union, Saint Lucia. The Laborie Development Foundation Inc. received a grant of up to US\$88,871 which will help improve the disaster preparedness in the Laborie-Augier area and is expected to alleviate flooding disasters within the district area.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan and Mrs. Okada. Also in attendance were, The Honourable Alva Baptiste Minister of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation; and Member of Parliament for Laborie Constituency, along with Mr. Elias Jean, Chairman, Laborie-Augier Constituency Council and Mr. Augustine Dominique, President, Laborie Development Foundation Inc.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada highlighted the growing importance of disaster mitigation across the world, including the Caribbean and encouraged everyone to always take necessary steps in emergency planning in order to reduce the impacts of these natural disasters.

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

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