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UNDP “Project for Strengthening Disaster Management Capacity of Women in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Commonwealth of Dominica”

**PICSA Workshop
November 5, 2018**

On Monday 5th November 2018, a Participatory Integrated Climate Services of Agriculture (PICSA) workshop for the Grant Aid for ‘Strengthening Disaster Management Capacity of Women in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Commonwealth of Dominica’ (UNDP Collaboration) was held in Guyana. The purpose of this project is to build the disaster preparedness and mitigation capacities of vulnerable communities, by strengthening women's capacity to respond to disasters. The Government of Japan provided a grant of five million US Dollars (US\$5,000,000) towards this project, which is being executed in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Twenty eight (28) representatives from fourteen (14) villages surrounding Annai Village, Upper Essequibo Region and officials from the Ministry of Agriculture participated in the workshop. Participants learned the approach to cultivate agricultural produce under optimum conditions using weather information. In the opening remarks of the workshop, Mr. Toshihide Kanaya, Second Secretary from the Embassy of Japan to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, stated that, "Japan is leading in the mainstreaming of disaster prevention in developing countries. In light of the increasing extreme weather related events resulting from climate change, the Government of Japan is committed to supporting developing countries in enhancing their resilience to disaster and climate risk. I am pleased that this project will contribute to the improvement of disaster management capacity of the community."

The Government of Japan will continue to support disaster prevention, the environment, energy, waste management and fisheries fields, in order to deepen friendly relations and mutual understanding with the countries of the Caribbean and to overcome vulnerability peculiar to CARICOM nations.



Mr. Kanaya, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Japan gives the opening speech.



Participants at the UNDP Workshop