

Visit by Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of Embassy of Japan to Saint Christopher and Nevis:

Handing-over Ceremony for Japan's Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in Saint Christopher and Nevis

The handing-over ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in Saint Christopher and Nevis" took place at 9:30 am on November 10, 2016 in Saint Christopher and Nevis.

The grant, valued at one million, eight hundred thousand US dollars (US\$1,800,000) is provided in order to improve fishery product distribution and fisheries management through the upgrading and replacing of equipment and machinery and accompanying facilities that were previously installed by Japanese grant aid. Also facilitated is the installation of new equipment and machinery based on fisheries management needs, including submerged-type fish aggregating devices and a multipurpose boat.

Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan to Antigua and Barbuda and the Honourable Eugene Hamilton, Minister responsible for Agriculture and Marine Resources of Saint Christopher and Nevis were both in attendance to commemorate the event. Also in attendance was Mr. Marc Williams, Director of Marine Resources.

In his speech, Mr. Sato noted that the provision of equipment is just one example of the ongoing fishery sector cooperation between Japan and Saint Christopher and Nevis which includes collaboration on sustainable use of living marine resources, technical assistance and technical training.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing the sustainable growth of Saint Christopher and Nevis through continued cooperation.

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