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PRESS RELEASE

Handing over Ceremony for new medical equipment for the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital in Saint Vincent

The Handing over Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Procurement of Medical Equipment in Saint Vincent” was held at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday 31st October 2017, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce in Kingstown, Saint Vincent. A grant totaling US\$90,792 was received from the Government of Japan for the procurement of medical equipment for the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, with the aim of improving the quality of medical services provided by the Hospital’s blood bank, pharmacy, operating theatre and urology unit.

Among the attendees were Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan; Honourable Sir Louis Straker, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce; Senator the Honourable Luke Browne, Minister of Health, Wellness and Environment; Mr. Cuthbert Knights, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Environment; Mrs. Sandy Peters-Phillips, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce; and Ms. Grace Walters, Hospital Administrator at the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital.

In his remarks, the Counsellor praised the efforts of the project team in working efficiently to ensure the timely procurement and installation of equipment and reaffirmed his Government’s commitment to providing support to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in areas such as public health, education and poverty alleviation. Deputy Prime Minister Honourable Sir Louis Straker thanked the Government of Japan for their assistance in acquiring the equipment, which brings advanced technology to the Hospital and contributes to the provision of improved health care for all.

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

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Speech by Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan



Speech by Mr. Cuthbert Knights, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Environment



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Hon Sir. Louis Straker - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce , Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Hon. Luke Browne - Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment



Specially invited guest and hospital officials



Milton Cato Memorial Hospital



The newly medical equipment for Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, funded by the Embassy of Japan GGP scheme

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