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Joint Signing Ceremony for Human Security Projects in Guyana

A Joint Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme was held at 10:00 am on Thursday 15 February 2018, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Georgetown, Guyana.

Three recipient organisations are set to receive grant funding from the Government of Japan, at a total of US\$ 270,510, for the following projects:

- “The Project for the Construction of Skills Training Resource Center” (US \$90,797) to be carried out by St. Francis Community Developers (SFCD) in Corentyne, Berbice, which will offer non-traditional skills training to the community’s population;
- “The Project for the Construction of a Medical Service Centre” (US \$89,900), to be carried out by the Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development (Iwokrama), aimed at improving the quality of health and medical services available in the Iwokrama forest; &
- “The Project for the Construction of Multi-purpose Centre” (US \$89,813), to be carried out by Special Needs for Life (SNL), which will provide social services to residents in and around the village of Kuma.

Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, signed the grant contracts together with Mr. Alex Foster, President of SFCD; Mr. Dane Gobin, Chief Executive Officer of Iwokrama; and Mr. Mark Adams, Principal Executive Officer of SNL. In his speech, Counsellor Yakabe said that the Government of Japan was pleased to support the organisations in addressing the human security needs existing within their respective communities.

Ambassador Rawle Lucas, Executive Director of Department of Global Economic Cooperation, Trade and Investment at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, brought greeting on behalf of the Foreign Minister and thanked Japan for its contributions to Guyana’s human and national development. The Honourable Sydney Allicock, Minister of Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs, also delivered brief remarks, highlighting that the grants would contribute significantly to meeting the needs of underrepresented communities in Guyana. Also in attendance were Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul-General to Japan; Ms. Miyuki Shinoe, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Japan; and other representatives from the recipient organizations.

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

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(Left to right)
Mr. Kashir Khan, Honorary Consul-General to Japan; Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan; and the Honourable Sydney Allicock, Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs were in attendance.



Mr. Yoshinori Yakabe, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Japan (left), and the Honourable Sydney Allicock, Minister of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (right), shook hands after the signing of the grant contracts.



(Left to right)
Grant recipients Mr. Alex Foster, President of SFCD; Mr. Dane Gobin, Chief Executive Officer of Iwokrama; and Mr. Mark Adams, Principal Executive Officer of SNL delivered speeches.

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