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PRESS RELEASE

Signing Ceremony for Japan's Development Assistance to the Republic of Suriname

The signing ceremony for Japan's development assistance entitled "Economic and Social Development Programme (for the Provision of Fisheries Equipment)" took place on October 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname. This Grant aims at helping the Republic of Suriname's fisheries sector, and it is valued at four hundred million Japanese Yen (¥400,000,000), or approximately three point five million US dollars (US\$3,500,000).

The grant will be used to procure fisheries-related equipment, such as server storage for fisheries data; ice maker machines; boat lifter machines; and a fish smoking oven, to improve the operational efficiency and hygienic environment of the fisheries industry, which is of high economic and social importance to the country.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Suriname, and Her Excellency Yldiz Pollack-Beighle, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname, were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes.

In his speech, Ambassador Okada conveyed Japan's commitment to cooperation with the Republic of Suriname in the areas of Disaster Risk Reduction and Environment. He noted that this commitment is further evidenced through the Grant Aid entitled "Economic and Social Development Programme (for Disaster Risk Reduction)", and the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GHP) entitled "The Project for the Construction of Organic Farms in Primary Schools", the signing ceremonies for which took place in January, 2018, and the Japan-Caribbean Climate Change Partnership (JCCCP) Project entitled "Women Empowerment and Renewable Solar Energy", which was successfully completed in July, 2018.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and people of the Republic of Suriname, all with a view to advancing sustainable development through continued cooperation.

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Ambassador Okada and Her Excellency Yldiz Pollack-Beighle Exchange Notes



Ambassador Okada shakes hands with Her Excellency Yldiz Pollack-Beighle following the Signing Ceremony