

Japan's Project for Improvement of Fisheries Equipment and Machinery in Saint Lucia

The handing-over ceremony for Japan's Project for Improvement of Fisheries Equipment and Machinery in Saint Lucia took place at 4:00pm on June 1, 2016, at the Vieux Fort Fisheries Complex, Saint Lucia. The grant will improve the functions of fisheries complexes constructed through previous Japanese grant aid in the areas of Vieux Fort, Anse La Raye, Dennery, Gros Islet and Castries and help develop the economy of Saint Lucia. The grant is valued at five hundred and sixty million Japanese Yen (¥560,000,000), or approximately five million US Dollars (US\$5,000,000).

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to Saint Lucia, and the Honourable Moses Jn Baptiste, Minister for Agriculture, Food Production, Fisheries, Co-operatives and Rural Development of Saint Lucia were in attendance to speak on behalf of the Government of Japan and the Government of Saint Lucia, respectively. Also in attendance were Dr. Cordilia Ambrose, Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Dr. Darius Gabriel, Permanent Secretary for Agriculture, Food Protection, Fisheries, Co-operatives and Rural Development and Mr. Julian Du Bois, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade and Civil Aviation.

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada noted in his speech that the Government of Japan offers a combination of technical assistance and grants in the fishery sector to Saint Lucia, and hopes that this will help the fishery sector of Saint Lucia develop into one of the most robust and sustainable industries in the region. In his address, the Honourable Moses Jn Baptiste expressed his appreciation for the people and the Government of Japan on behalf of the Government of Saint Lucia. He also indicated that this project is a demonstration of the continuing good relationship between Japan and Saint Lucia.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing regional development through continued cooperation, and anticipates great benefits of continuous development cooperation for the Government and people of Saint Lucia.

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His Excellency Ambassador Mitsuhiro Okada (left) and the Honourable Minister Moses Jn Baptiste (right)



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