PRESS RELEASE

<u>Japanese Government Assists with the Procurement and the Transportation of</u> Ambulances from Japan to St. Lucia

The handing over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled "The Project for the Procurement of Ambulances for St. Lucia" will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 6, 2013 at Gros Islet Fire Station, Gros Islet, St. Lucia.

The St. Lucia Fire and Emergency Services received a grant of US\$69,588 from the Government of Japan which was used for the basic conditioning and equipping of four (4) pre-owned ambulances, as well as covering the cost of transporting them from Japan to St. Lucia. Three (3) ambulances were donated by the Tokyo Fire Station and one (1) by the Sakura City/Yachimata City Shisuicho Fire Corporation (map attached). Through this project, the St. Lucia Fire and Emergency Services will be able to improve its efficiency and effectiveness of its services in case of emergencies.

His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to St. Lucia, and Mr. Leslie Fontenelle, Chief Fire Officer, will be in attendance for the ceremony.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of St. Lucia, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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