PRESS RELEASE

<u>Japanese Government Funds Procurement for Compactor Truck for Recyclable</u> <u>Waste Collection in Dominica</u>

The handing over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled "The Project for Procurement of Compactor Truck in Dominica" took place at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2014 at the Dominica Solid Waste Management Corporation, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica.

The Dominica Solid Waste Management Corporation received a grant of US\$70,425 from the Government of Japan which was used for the procurement of a compactor truck to collect recyclable waste. Through this project, the Corporation will be able to expand the area to collect recyclable waste in Dominica.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Hirofumi Murabayashi, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan and Mr. Bristol Lawrence, General Manager of the Dominica Solid Waste Management Corporation. Mrs. Helen Royer, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health was also in attendance along with the invited guests and medias.

In his speech, Mr. Murabayashi highlighted that this project is truly one which meets "basic human needs" and Japan is very pleased that the GGP has afforded the Dominica Solid Waste Management Corporation with the procurement of a compactor truck.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of the Commonwealth of Dominica, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries, especially as we celebrate Japan-CARICOM Friendship Year 2014.

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Attached are pictures of the ceremony which may be resized and distributed.

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