

Japan's Development Assistance (Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction Equipment) to Grenada

The signing ceremony for Japan's development assistance (provision of Japanese disaster reduction equipment) took place at 1:20pm on January 12, 2016, at the Ministerial Complex, St. George's, Grenada. The grant is provided in order to support the promotion of economic and social development by utilising disaster reduction related products of Japanese enterprises, and is aimed at contributing to the improvement of the capacity of Grenada to adapt to climate change. The grant is valued at one hundred million Japanese Yen (¥100,000,000), or approximately eight hundred thousand US Dollars (US\$800,000).

His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan to Grenada and the Honourable Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Grenada were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes. Also present were Senator the Honourable Winston Garraway, Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Religious Affairs, Mr. Terrence Walters, Coordinator of the National Disaster Management Agency, Mr. Alva Browne, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Adrian Joseph, Chief of Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his remarks, Senator the Honourable Garraway noted that the grant is a welcome contribution for Grenada, as it is important to be prepared for and to respond quickly to natural disasters. The Honourable Dr. Modeste-Curwen also thanked the Government of Japan for supporting Grenada's climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.

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

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