

Visit by Ambassador Okada to the Commonwealth of Dominica:

Japan's Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products to the Commonwealth of Dominica

H.E. Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica, visited the Commonwealth of Dominica from the 26th to 28th of June, 2016. During the visit he represented the Government of Japan at the handing-over ceremony for Japan's Grant Aid for Provision of Industrial Products to the Commonwealth of Dominica, which took place at 8:30am on June 27, 2016, at the Dominica Grammar School Grounds, Roseau. Before the ceremony, Ambassador Okada toured two (2) reconstruction sites at Grand Bay and Belle Vue which are meant to provide shelter to persons displaced by Tropical Storm Erika. The grant is valued at one hundred million Japanese Yen (¥100,000,000), or approximately nine hundred thousand US dollars (US\$900,000). Products such as safety loader trucks and first aid kits were acquired through the grant funding.

Senator the Honourable Francine Baron, Minister for Foreign Affairs and CARICOM Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica was in attendance to speak on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, accompanied by Ms. Careen Prevost, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and CARICOM Affairs and Mrs. Gloria Joseph, Permanent Secretary for Economic Development, Planning and Investment. Also in attendance were representatives from the four recipient Ministries of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, namely, the Ministry of Justice, Immigration and National Security; the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development; the Ministry of Public Works and Ports; and the Ministry of Finance.

Ambassador Okada expressed his expectation that the grant would contribute to the ongoing economic and social recovery from damages inflicted by Tropical Storm Erika in August 2015. Minister Baron, referring to Ambassador Okada's visit to the Commonwealth of Dominica in the immediate wake of Tropical Storm Erika to personally deliver the relief supplies donated by Japan, expressed deep gratitude for the development cooperation that Japan has extended to the Commonwealth of Dominica in various fields.

The Government of Japan is committed to deepening bilateral relations and mutual understanding between the two countries through development cooperation for the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

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His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador of Japan (3rd right), Senator the Honourable Francine Baron, Minister of Foreign Affairs and CARICOM Affairs (4th left), Mr. Kendall Johnson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Ports (2nd left), and trainees with training machinery procured through the Japanese grant



His Excellency Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador (3rd left), , Senator the Honourable Francine Baron, Minister of Foreign Affairs and CARICOM Affairs (2nd left), Ms. Anne Lewis, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Justice, Immigration, & National Security (2nd right), Mr. William Penn, Chief Fire Officer (1st left) and another officer with a safety loader truck procured through the Japanese grant

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