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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Project for Expanding the Community Development Center in Black Bush Polder**

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Expanding the Community Development Center in Black Bush Polder” took place at 11:00 a.m. on March 10, 2014, at the Mibicuri Community Developers, Black Bush Polder, Guyana. Mibicuri Community Developers will receive a grant of up to US\$101,275 from the Government of Japan for the expansion of a community development center, which will be used for the community of Black Bush Polder in Guyana.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan and Ms. Jaqueline Johnson, Director, Mibicuri Community Developers. Mr. David Armogan, Regional Chairman, Region 6 East Berbice was also in attendance along with the invited guests and medias.

In his speech, His Excellency Tezuka stated that this project allows the Community Development Center to improve its vocational training and early childhood centre facilities, which will allow for improved learning experiences. Furthermore, he stated that he has no doubt that this project is truly one which meets basic human needs and Japan is very pleased that it can assist the project through the GGP especially since this year marks the Japan-CARICOM Friendship year 2014.

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

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

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