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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Cafeteria's Construction and Procurement of Equipment for the Execution of the School Feeding Programme

The handing over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled "The Project for Constructing the Cafeteria for the Trafalgar Primary School" took place on October 29, 2013, at the Trafalgar Primary School, Trafalgar, the Commonwealth of Dominica. The Trafalgar Primary School received a grant of US\$36,240 from the Government of Japan for the construction of a new cafeteria and necessary equipment such as a cooker and freezer for the preparation of meals.

This Project has allowed the Trafalgar Primary School to become a beneficiary of the School Feeding Programme that the Ministry of Education implements, and students now have access to balanced meals which will contribute to their healthy growth and development.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica, and Mrs. Doreen Watt, Principal of Trafalgar Primary School. The Honourable Petter Saint-Jean, Minister of Education and Human Resource Development, and the Honourable Dr. Collin McIntyre, Minister of Employment, Trade, Industry and Diaspora Affairs were also in attendance.

In his speech, Ambassador Tezuka highlighted that this project is truly one which meets "basic human needs" and Japan is very pleased that the GGP has afforded the Trafalgar Primary School the opportunity to provide its students with nutritionally balanced meals and healthy eating experiences. He also thanked the Ministry of Education for providing the school with advice and support during the construction of the cafeteria, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for all the support they provided, and all those who have been involved in the successful and timely completion of the project.

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.

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