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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Project for Installing Photovoltaic System in Barbados

The signing ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for Installing Photovoltaic System” took place at 9:30 a.m. on Friday March 28, 2014, at the Office of the Division of Energy, Trinity Business Center, Country Road, St. Michael, Barbados. Association of Public Primary School Principals will receive a grant of up to US\$121,818 from the Government of Japan for the installation of Photovoltaic systems in five schools in Barbados, which enables the schools to decrease their energy consumption with an environmental friendly power alternative and have access to electricity during power outages.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan and Ms. Sandra Small-Thompson, President (Ag.), Association of Public Primary School Principals. Mr. Jehu Whiltshire, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Prime Minister’s Office was also in attendance along with the invited guests and medias.

In his speech, His Excellency Tezuka stated that through this project students will have the opportunity to understand the value of renewable energies. 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.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of Barbados, 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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