

Japan's Economic and Social Development Programme (Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction) Equipment in Saint Christopher and Nevis

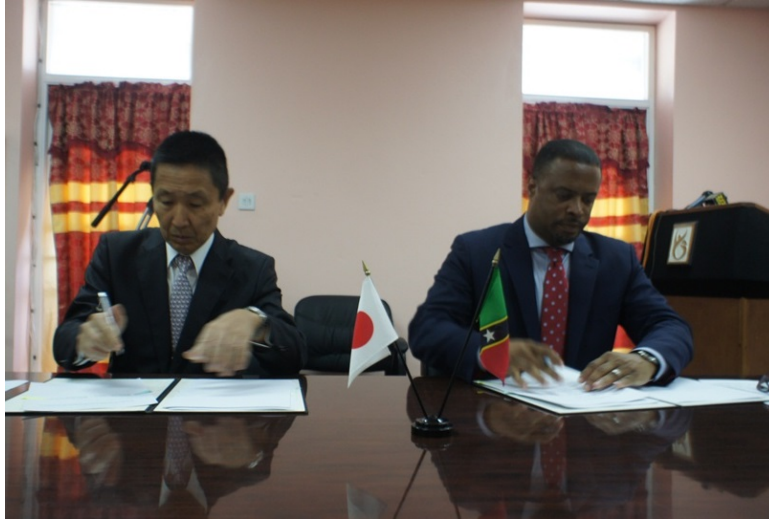
The signing ceremony for Japan's Economic and Social Development Programme (Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction Equipment) took place at 10:20am on December 4, 2015, at the Government Headquarters, Basseterre, Saint Christopher and Nevis. The Grant is provided in order to support the promotion of 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 Saint Christopher and Nevis 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 Saint Christopher and Nevis and the Honourable Mark A.G. Brantley, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Aviation of Saint Christopher and Nevis were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes. In his speech, the Honourable Minister noted that this Grant for the provision of Japanese disaster reduction equipment is timely, given the severe damage that has already occurred in the region for the 2015 hurricane season, referencing the devastating Hurricane Erika, and he conveyed his deep appreciation for Japan's continued assistance.

The Government of Japan is committed to advancing regional development through continued cooperation, and anticipates great benefits for the Government and people of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

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