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PRESS RELEASE

Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid for Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction Equipment and the Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery in Antigua and Barbuda

The signing ceremony for Japan's Non-Project Grant Aid for Provision of Japanese Disaster Reduction Equipment and the Project for Improvement of Fishery Equipment and Machinery took place at 2:30pm on June 11, 2015, at the Prime Minister's Office, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda during a bilateral meeting held in conjunction with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries. 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 valued at one hundred million Japanese Yen (¥100,000,000), or approximately eight hundred thousand US Dollars (USD\$800,000).

His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to Antigua and Barbuda and the Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda were in attendance to sign the Exchange of Notes. Also in attendance to witness the signing was the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Takashi Uto.

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

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