

Visit by Ambassador Okada to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana:

Japan's Grant Aid for the Project for the Rehabilitation of the East Demerara Water Conservancy in Region 4 (Phase II)

H.E. Mitsuhiro Okada, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, visited Guyana from the 3rd to 6th of July, 2016. During the visit Ambassador Okada represented the Government of Japan at the handing-over ceremony for Japan's Grant Aid for the Project for the Rehabilitation of the East Demerara Water Conservancy (Phase II), which took place on July 5th, 2016, at Flagstaff. The grant is valued at three hundred and two million Japanese Yen (¥302,000,000), or approximately two million, nine hundred thousand US dollars (US\$2,900,000). Products such as excavators, aluminium boats and engines and laptops were acquired through the grant funding, and the construction and rehabilitation of intakes were also achieved.

In attendance to speak on behalf of the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana were the Honourable Noel Holder, Minister for Agriculture, accompanied by Mr, George Jervis, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, and representatives from the National Drainage and Irrigation Authority (NDIA): Mr. Frederick Flatts, Chief Executive Officer (Ag) and Mr. John Piggott, Chairman of the NDIA Board.

Ambassador Okada noted in his speech that the Government of Japan has provided development support to the people of Guyana in various forms including grant assistance and technical assistance and now, having recognised the importance of water security to the people of Guyana, the Government of Japan has also provided assistance for adaptation to climate change. Minister Holder expressed his Government's gratitude for the financial support received from the Government of Japan, and expressed the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana's resolve to continue improving infrastructure in order to raise the quality of life of the residents of Region 4.

The Government of Japan is committed to deepening bilateral relations and mutual understanding between the two countries through development cooperation for the Government and people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

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Ambassador Okada delivering his speech at the handing-over ceremony



Ambassador Okada (centre) addressing media personnel



Ambassador Okada (centre, back row) standing with the project team

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