

Press Release

A new model flood disaster risk reduction system has established in the CARICOM Countries

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The Embassy of Japan would like to convey information on the Government of Japan's engagement in a regional project, the Caribbean Disaster Management Project Phase 2 (CADM2), implemented through JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). This project aims to establish a new model of the flood disaster risk reduction system, which contributes to protecting the lives and the property of people residing in disaster prone areas within the various CARICOM countries.

For the implementation of this project, JICA has been collaborating with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), the University of the West Indies, the University of Guyana and the respective countries of Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana and St. Lucia, since January 2009. The CADM2 will be completed at the end of June 2012, following the Joint Coordination Committee meeting on June 5 and 6 at the Hilton Hotel in Barbados.

The CADM2 established a community-based flood disaster risk reduction model by integrating community-based disaster management planning, flood early warning system and flood hazard mapping. The pilot projects have already been implemented in Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana and St. Lucia during the CADM2 project period.

The project preceding, the Caribbean Disaster Management Project, was implemented from 2002 to 2004, with pilot projects implemented in Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Barbados respectively.

The Government of Japan is pleased with its collaboration with the CARICOM Countries for improving the capacity of Disaster Risk Reduction of the region and hopes that the newly introduced system will become more prevalent throughout the CARICOM Countries.

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