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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds the Procurement of an Ambulance for the Dominica Red Cross Society

The handing over ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled “The Project for the Procurement of an Ambulance for the Dominica Red Cross” took place at 1:00pm on June 12th 2014 at the Conference Room of the Dominica Red Cross Society, Goodwill, Commonwealth of Dominica. The Dominica Red Cross Society received a grant of US\$65,541 from the Government of Japan for the procurement of an ambulance.

This project will help enhance the Dominica Red Cross daily activities and first aid services. The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Yoshimasa Tezuka, Ambassador of Japan to the Commonwealth of Dominica, and Mrs. Kathleen Pinard- Byrne, Director General, Dominica Red Cross. Also, in attendance was The Honourable Julius Timothy, Minister for Health and Social Security, along with the invited guests and media.

In his speech, Ambassador Tezuka emphasized that the ambulance would contribute and make a positive impact on first aid services and response services to natural disasters. He also congratulated and applauded Mrs. Kathleen Pinard-Bryne, Director of the Dominica Red Cross Society and the staff on their efforts in ensuring that the project came into fruition.

The Government of Japan is committed to exploring new opportunities between Japan and the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica with the aim of strengthening relations and encouraging dialogue and mutual understanding between the two countries.

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Attached are pictures of the ceremony which may be resized and distributed.

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