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PRESS RELEASE

**Japanese Government Funds Two Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) in the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana**

The joint completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) entitled the “The Project for Installing Photovoltaic System in St. Ignatius Secondary School” and “Project for Construction of Multi-purpose Center for Lethem Special Needs”, took place at 1:00 p.m. on September 12, 2017, at the St. Ignatius Village Benab, Lethem, Region 9, Guyana.

Both the St. Ignatius Secondary School as well as the Lethem Special Needs Group received a grant for the cumulative value of US\$177,187 from the Government of Japan to assist in achieving their respective projects within the Region 9 district, Guyana.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Shinichiro Kobayashi, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, along with Mr. Bryan Allcock, Regional Chairman, Region 9, Guyana. Also in attendance were Ms. Yusa Xavier, Group Director, Lethem Special Needs Group as well as Mr. Mark Adams, Principal, Special Needs for Life, Inc., along with invited guests and community beneficiaries.

Mr. Kobayashi, during his speech, highlighted that the objectives of this GGP grant funding allowed for two recipients to benefit from valuable resources, which included the construction of a new multi-purpose center in addition to the procurement and installation of solar panel systems to support the sustainable energy resources at the secondary school. Mr. Kobayashi also noted that today’s ceremony symbolizes Japan’s commitment to the interior regions and indigenous communities across Guyana, highlighting that the Embassy of Japan is extremely proud to be a part of the continued efforts and enhancement initiatives being realized at the completion ceremony.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of the Co-Operative Republic of Guyana, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.



Mr. Shinichiro Kobayashi, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, presenting the feature speech.



Mr. Bryan Allicock, Regional Chairman, Region 9, Guyana being presented with a small token from the St. Ignatius village junior cultural group.



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Mr. Mark Adams, Principal, Special Needs for Life, Inc., Ms. Yusa Xavier, Group Director, Lethem Special Needs Group, Mr. Shinichiro Kobayashi, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, and Mr. Bryan Allicock, Regional Chairman, Region 9, Guyana.



Specially invited guest and community beneficiaries' of the St. Ignatius Village.



The St. Ignatius Secondary School, beneficiary of solar panel systems funded by the Embassy of Japan GGP scheme.



The newly erected Multi-purpose Center for Lethem Special Needs Group, funded by the Embassy of Japan GGP scheme.

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